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TOBOGGAN CONTEST NEXT SUNDAY

Big attraction at the toboggan slide Sunday afternoon. Mr. Thomas has arranged, as a special attraction at the slide Sunday afternoon, a toboggan contest, which no doubt will create a lot of fevered interest to toboggan sliders. The contest will be held at 2:30 o'clock, and the toboggan making the longest distance out on the lake will be declared the winner, and will receive a cash prize of \$5.00. The rules for the contest are as follows:

All toboggans are eligible irrespective of size, but there must be no more than two passengers on each toboggan. Entries will be received up until the time of the contest, and the entrance fee will be 25 cents per passenger. There is no restriction of a single passenger on any toboggan, but to make the contest more even, it is advisable to make a team of it. Make all entries to Mr. Thomas. Any money received over the amount of the prize will be used in the general up-keep of the slide.

The time record of the slide has been shortened from 31 seconds, as reported in this paper last week, to 21 seconds. With the course nearly a mile in length, it is easily seen that the speed of the toboggans is terrific.

An unfortunate accident occurred last Sunday at officers' hill when Henry Bradley and a party were sliding on a toboggan, when the toboggan upset, throwing Mr. Bradley up against the ski jump, breaking his leg. Incidentally, this accident did not happen at the big new slide as it has proven safe in every detail and will be safe if sliders will not try to go down standing up or attempting other dangerous stunts. To the present date there has not been a single spill on the new slide. The only spills that have occurred have been on the lake, due to the fact that some of the sliders put their feet down, trying to stop the toboggan. If the sliders will refrain from this and let the toboggan go its own distance these spills will be averted.

Many of the sliders at the big hill are enjoying a sandwich and cup of coffee at the "Coffee House." It pays them up to better stand the fatigue of the long walk from the lake back to the hill. While this feature has not been a financial success, it has been appreciated by the large crowds, who enjoyed some refreshment and a comfortable place to get warm and rest.

The people have been enjoying the toboggan slide so immensely that it seems unlikely that funds are not more readily contributed for its support. Contribution boxes were placed conveniently at the slide last Sunday and there were nearly 300 people on the hill, only \$1.65 was donated. The local business men supplied the initial fund by subscribing about \$275.00. Many of the latter do not partake in the pleasures of the slide, and it seems only fair that those who do should assist financially in its upkeep. If each person on the hill will drop in 10 cents each time they are present, the finances would be taken care of. Several weeks more of continuing weather may reasonably be expected and advantage should be taken of it. Where can people spend a few hours a week to greater profit—clean, wholesome, health-building recreation to hundreds of young and old? Go to the hill prepared to help, at least a little.

There will be jitney service Sunday, running from Corwin's garage every 45 minutes. Price 25 cents.

SCHOOL NOTES

GRAYLING SCHOOL
Editors: Janice Bailey, Edward Hanson, Ethel Taylor.

To be thrown upon one's own resources is to be cast into the very lap of fortune.—Franklin.

Carl—"We have some Dumb Doras in our chemistry class."

Carl—"Azilda is so dumb she thinks Boyle's Law is a new method of cooking."

Things don't turn in this world until somebody turns them.—Garfield.

Shirley—"Lacey is a cheapskate."

George—"Why?"

S. F.—"He hates to have his pen give."

"Are you in earnest? Seize this very minute what you can do, or dream you can begin it."

Miss Supernau—"People, be diligent and steadfast, and you will succeed. Take the case of George Washington. Do you remember the great difficulty he had to contend with?"

Lacey—"Yes, in fact, he couldn't tell a lie."

An uncomfortable place to live in is just beyond your income.

Eliza Speck, writing an essay on Darwin—"Both men and women sprang from monkeys, but women sprang farther than men."

One reason why few recognize opportunity is because it is disguised as a hard job.

Carl S—"Give me a round trip ticket."

S. Agent—"Where to please?"

C. S—"Back here, you fool."

There is not an hour of youth, but is a moment of which, once past, the appointed work can never be done again, or the neglected blow struck on the cold iron.—Ruskin.

Any guy can be gay, when out for a day.

With a rod, or a gun or an auto, But the bird worth while.

Is the duck that can smile.

When he doesn't want work, but has gotta.

The difference between a professor and a trader is that the first man has a diploma and the latter a Pierce Arrow.

Promptness takes the drudgery out of an occupation.—John Q. Adams.

Thursday, February 10, the seniors gave a party, members of the junior class being their guests. At six o'clock a delicious dinner was served in the domestic science room. Spanish rice, rolls, cake and coffee were served. After supper the seniors enjoyed in the gymnasium until 9:30.

Motorists: Say it with brakes and save on the flowers.

No domestic science course is necessary to enable a girl to make a traffic jam.

Mr. Smith—"Can you tell me what class Barium is in?"

Phil—"Sure, it's an undertaker's motto."

The junior class will give a toboggan party next Monday night.

Washington the Surveyor



GOODFELLOWSHIP ENTERTAIN TEACHERS

The Good Fellowship club was hostess to the teachers of our public schools at a delightful bridge party Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Marjorie Hanson.

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Grayling Independents, after fully recovering from the defeat East Jordan handed them last Thursday, came back strong Saturday night, and playing up to their old form, marched through "Dickie's" Midland Independents, and came out on the long end of a 25-23 score.

The game was a "nip and tuck" affair and nobody's game until the last few minutes of play.

Midland drew a margin in the first half, being at its greatest when the score was 9-3. At this phase of the game the Indies got started and tied up with the "Dickie-men," the first half ending 12-12.

Johnson and McPhee were the "big noise" of the locals, the former making seven baskets, and the latter playing a stellar guard game came through in the last few seconds of play to cage the basket that cinched the game for him and his teammates.

The line-up:

Grayling: Royals, F. Johnson, F. Robertson, F. Hanson, C. Burnham, G. McPhee, G. Milnes, G.

Midland: Royals, F. Johnson, F. Robertson, F. Hanson, C. Burnham, G. McPhee, G. Milnes, G.

Final score: 25-23.

Referee: B. E. Smith.

Timekeeper: Carlyle Brown.

Score: Don Reynolds.

The preliminary game was played between the first and second school girls teams, players being so divided that half of each team played together, calling themselves, one the Orange and the other the White.

It was a hot contest, each side putting forth their best efforts to win. However, the Orange, 25 to 23, came out victorious, the game ending 25 to 23.

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Principal Events In Grayling 25 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 25 YEARS AGO.

Thursday, February 20, 1902

F. L. Michelson was down from Johannesburg to spend Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Jerome have been taking a week's outing with friends at Saginaw.

Chas. Covert has started a new dray line, thinking two might find enough to do in the village.

M. Laland has moved out of the hotel, and Mr. Countryman is taking possession. We trust the new host will meet with unqualified success.

Fred Sleight has bought the house of Mrs. Joseph Patterson on Ogemaw street, and will move in next week. They will have more room.

Mr. O. B. Shook of Waters is moving here, and we understand will take a position in the planing mill. He will occupy the house vacated by Fred Sleight.

The break in the dam of the Electric Light Co. is so serious that repairs will probably not be attempted until it thaws out in the spring. The loss is estimated at \$3,000.00, besides the disappointment.

Mrs. S. J. Jensen had the misfortune to slip on the icy walk near the Presbyterian church last week Wednesday evening, and fracture one of her limbs. She is reported comfortable, but it is an unwelcome rest.

In our report of the Rasmussen fire alarm last week, we gave credit to Mr. Benedict of Beaver Creek for getting hose cart No. 1. He is entitled to the praise for he made a gallant run, but we have since learned that John Olson beat him, and had the hose cart hitched to his dray before he arrived. John always gets there, if he is in this part of the village.

Bert Mitchell, the last of the band boys that joined Silver Bros' circus about a year ago, returned home the beginning of the week.

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Danish Lutheran church at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

A snoring match was to be the excitement at Frederic last Saturday night. Sheriff Owen and under-sheriff Crotteau were on hand and allowed it to reach the sixth round, when repeated fouls began to anger the friends of one of the pugilists and it became fair to end in a general slugging match, when the sheriff quietly ordered the menagerie off, and the referee called it a draw. Scientific sparring for points may do, but slugging will not go down with our officers.

Judge Items

T. Douglas came up from Grayling Tuesday.

Mr. Day is at Detroit to bring home Mrs. Day, whose health has improved so that she is able to return home.

South Branch Items

F. H. Richardson went into camp for himself last Sunday, or so he says. He has about 150,000 feet to put in.

Will Schreiber and his sister, Miss Rosa, both of Sigbee, were guests at J. Royce's Sunday.

Treasurer Funk is busy collecting taxes.

A. Funk and D. Hinkley are working for F. H. Richardson.

F. P. Richardson was in Grayling last Friday.

Miss Ruth Richardson and Mr. Ora Billman were guests of Miss Minnie Richardson Sunday.

C. L. Richardson and family, Miss Redmond, F. H. Richardson and wife were callers at Mac Nowlan's Sunday.

Frederic Correspondence

Mr. Charles E. Hicks of Maple Forest is very sick at present writing.

Mrs. Dr. O'Neil's mother, of Richmondville, Sanilac county, is making her a pleasant visit.

Messdames Dever, Douglas and Burgess of the metropolis visited at E. Bangchar's last Thursday evening.

Mrs. Sarah Lewis was called to Big Rapids last Friday by the dangerous illness of her daughter, who is attending school there.

The last act of Will Hazard before leaving for his home in Gaylord was walking across the point to bid a friendly goodbye, when the ice gave way and he took a cold bath.

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At this time the following nominations will be made: Village president, clerk, treasurer, three village trustees for a year and one assessor.

Following are those whose terms expire: T. W. Hanson, president; Chris Jensen, clerk; Roy O. Milnes, treasurer; J. W. Sorenson, assessor, and Frank Sales, Geo. McCullough, and George Sorenson, trustees.

Let's have a big attendance at the caucus and help to elect progressive and vitally interested people for the head of our village government. Let the croakers croak and knock if they feel that they must do so, but Grayling has always been the liveliest and best town in the north, and let's keep it that way. What this city is 20 years from now depends very much upon our actions today. To plan for 20 years ahead we believe would be good reasoning.

Improved streets, better street buildings, attractive street lighting, bubbling fountains of pure drinking water, and a beautiful, artistic, flowing fountain in the center of Peninsula and Michigan avenues, wire poles off the street, and many other civic improvements, and everybody pulling together. Let's go!

Since writing the above a People's Caucus has been announced, to be held at the court house Monday night, February 21 at 8 P.M.

WANTS TO BE "WET" CANDIDATE

Professor Nicholas Murray Butler of New York, who with one and the same breath withdrew Coolidge from the Presidency and coyly offered his own blushing violet personality as a substitute, apparently has not been able to get his message over. When one essays the role of being "the voice in the wilderness" it is well to have a thought in advance that the loud speakers and amplifiers are in place. Having failed to take this precaution, Professor Nicky's "voice" became a whiskey whisper before it reached the people.

Wholly apart from the question as to whether the President should or should not be a candidate for another term, the newspapers of the country apparently took the position that Nicky was speaking before he had been invited. The principal papers, north, east, south and west having small regard apparently for the solemnity of Nicky's personality devoted their energies to poking fun at the revered and learned Professor of Columbia University. In short, what Dr. Butler had hoped would be a speech from the throne, has apparently been interpreted by the country at large as a vaudeville gag from the footstool.

Of course, the Doctor told us that he was speaking for New York, and that New York must have a wet candidate or it would leave the Union, but political precedent has long since shown, that a direct New York ownership label is about the worst handicap that any presidential candidate can have.

WITHOUT APOLOGIES

We all have our pet peeve. We have one. We like to see a collector lay his bill on the counter without apologies and ask for his money—why shouldn't he? He has earned his money and accommodated me, by charging it for my convenience. Our pet peeve is the fellow who hides our bill in his pocket and introduces his mission by asking how much he owes when he owes nothing—sort of slips up on your blind side and tries to sugar-coat the quinine.

"Man of Letters" as B.A.
Among candidates to pass a B.A. (Honor) examination held in Ceylon appeared the name of Kaspipall N. Masivayampillai Sivaganesundram.

Honor Accorded Actress
The first member of the theatrical profession to gain the Hall of Fame was Charlotte Cushman in 1915, according to an answered question in Liberty.

AN AGE OLD PROBLEM
A measure to abolish capital punishment is before the legislature, and it has very active supporters and opponents. Many good citizens are against hanging or electrocution as means of punishment, and many equally good citizens are in favor of it as the most effective way to curb homicidal tendencies. As a part of the state, many people shrink from the old "eye for an eye" doctrine. They don't want the state to become an executioner even though effective in curing some evils. They are usually willing to have a murderer jump into a lake and fail to come up, but they don't want to be responsible for killing him. People who uphold the death penalty think one who commits murder should forfeit his life as a just and safe method of dealing with law-abiding members of society. We never could persuade our nervous system to accept with reticence a gleeful official execution that, while blotting out an undesirable, does violence to many sensibilities. We would like to see a more delicate method of handling dangerous criminals without involving the state in the job of killing them.

LOYALTY

On a large billboard downtown we find, "Loyalty to one's city costs you nothing, yet yields large returns." That quotation is true to a large extent of any organization and since it doesn't cost anything there can be no good reason why we can't be loyal to our town.

What is loyalty? Would a man be true to his town if all he did was to pay his dues and then continue to knock and find fault with each and everything that was tried by others to benefit it? Would a person be loyal if he thought only in selfish terms? What is the test of loyalty? Let us illustrate.

It has been said of George Washington, when he was commander-in-chief of the continental armies in the Revolutionary War, suffering from malaria as that at Valley Forge, money he would not accept for his services, but kept an account of his personal expenditures. After the war was over he was reimbursed by Congress. That was loyalty to a cause that can't be matched by present day patriots. He knew that any freedom and rights enjoyed by him were enjoyed by the whole country, and he enjoyed the enjoyment of the whole country.

It is too bad some men can't get the right viewpoint, that is, that any privileges we now enjoy or any improved conditions are the direct result of loyal and enthusiastic men who see every opportunity to better the condition of the average working man. Nothing is gained by destructive criticism.

The pessimist always sees the dark side of the reason he only looks for that side. A constructive criticism is the natural result of that kind of thinking and loyalty is a word foreign to his vocabulary.

You may be interested, and then again you may not, to know that America, through Chicago without being abducted.

Home Grown Feed Cheaper
Home grown feeds for cattle and hogs are better and cheaper than commercial ones if the right kinds are grown and are properly prepared. The conclusion drawn by the Research department of the National Association of Farm Equipment Manufacturers after collecting data from a large number of state experiment stations. Alfalfa, soy beans, silage, sweet clover, form the basis for the home grown rations. Alfalfa, ground into meal with a roughage grinder or fed as hay, is one of the best dairy feed available. Ground, to be planted to these crops, should be limed by lime spreaders and sowers to insure a large yield and to avoid winter killing of the alfalfa and sweet clover. Drilling on well prepared ground is recognized as the best way to plant soy beans while specially designed alfalfa and grass seeders insure even distribution of the smaller seeds.

P. C. PETERSON
PASSES AWAY

The unexpected death of P. C. Peterson at Grayling Mercy hospital yesterday morning was a shock to his family and many friends. Mr. Peterson took ill Sunday, and Monday night was taken to the hospital, where he passed away at 9:00 o'clock Wednesday morning.

The funeral will be held at the family home on Michigan avenue tomorrow afternoon at 2:00 o'clock with Rev. J. Herman Baughn and Rev. Johnede officiating. Grayling Lodge 1. O. O. F. No. 137 will be in charge of the services.

Peter Christian Peterson was born in Teasby, Syn, Denmark, May 15, 1868. He came to America forty years ago locating in Manistee, two years later coming to Grayling where he has since resided. July 9, 1904 he was united in marriage to Mrs. Anine Fischer-Larsen, who with a step-son, Ernest-Larsen, survives the deceased. He has no other relatives in this country excepting three cousins who reside in the west.

It was hard to believe that Mr. Peterson, who was more familiarly known among his friends as "Chris," had passed away, as only a few days before he had been seen on the street. The family have the sympathy of many friends in their bereavement.

HELP SCOUTS
EARN UNIFORMS

It is a rule in scouting that each scout must earn his own uniform. Even though the scout is well off, he must earn his uniform. It is a rule in scouting that each scout must earn his own uniform. Even though the scout is well off, he must earn his uniform.

Therefore the scout councils have decided to help the boy and girl scouts in this way, by announcing that if anyone has a job to do, a boy ranger (ages 8 to 16) inclusive, can do, please phone Rev. J. H. Baughn, such jobs as cleaning snow from the sidewalk, running errands or delivering washings or parcels, etc.

Or notify Howard Granger if a boy scout (ages 12 to 18) or a girl scout is needed to stay with children, or for sweeping and dusting on Saturdays, or numerous little jobs a girl can do. Some of the girls have had sewing in school and could do plain sewing. The low priced rule in market activity had their turn in market activity, with the exception of a few such as Missouri, Kansas & Texas common and Chicago & Alton. For the most part, earnings of oil companies were better than was anticipated and the same may be said of the utility group. Sound policy for investors to pursue is to dispose of their work week stocks and take up the stronger. By stronger, I mean those which not only showed satisfactory earnings in 1926, but which give assurance that same will be duplicated in 1927.

To get a line on general conditions, the situation of agriculture should be considered. If the farmers do not do any better this year than last, general conditions will be adverse. If they do better, the present year will be more prosperous than last. On the whole, the price trend of farm commodities indicates that it will be upward.

The dividend policies which were liberal among utilities last year will at least be sustained this year. More and more the industry is becoming stabilized. Safe and sane expansion programs are about. As communities increase, earnings increase. Among the utilities, common stocks may be purchased possessing all the attributes of safety that many bonds possess. In many instances the yield already is in excess of current rates.

Some of these will appreciate in market price. Following are some of the utilities that may be of interest for investment and for advance price: American Tel. & Tel., yielding 6 per cent; Brooklyn Edison paying 6 per cent with the likelihood of an increase in the dividend rate; Columbia Gas & Electric with a yield of 6 per cent with increasing earnings and good outlook. Montana Power, yielding in excess of 6 per cent with the strong probability of a dividend increase; Pacific Gas & Electric yielding nearly 6 1/2 per cent with earnings growing better and enhancement in market price probable; Utilities Power & Light A yielding 7 per cent with growing earnings, and Louisville Gas & Electric A paying close to 7 per cent with a more liberal dividend policy fairly assured.

UTILITIES MOST PROMISING
(By William McMahon, president New York Institute of Financial Research, Inc.)

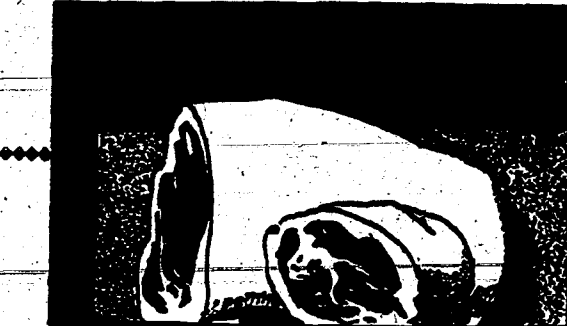
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Perfect Refrigeration Keeps Our Meats in perfect condition. Through this medium, we are able to season our Meats properly, thus insuring their reaching your table in fine condition.

Burrow's Market

Phone No. 2

Local News

Take your Prescriptions to Central Drug Store.
F. H. Will have a supply all winter.
C. R. King.

Elmer Johnson made a trip to Detroit Monday.
Your help in the sale of plants and flowers at the Greenhouse Friday, Feb. 18 will help the hospital.

Special for Saturday only—\$1.00 Allen A silk stockings, 3 pairs for \$2.00. Grayling Mercantile Co.

Plants and flowers will be sold at the regular prices at the Greenhouse, Friday, Feb. 18. Only on that date, forty per cent goes to the hospital.

The merchantable stocks of potatoes on hand in Michigan on January 1, 1927 are estimated at 10,119,000 bushels as compared with 7,200,000 one year ago.

Mrs. Clarence Brown left Tuesday afternoon for Detroit to spend a couple of weeks visiting her brother, Frank Woodruff and family and other relatives.

Take check artists are said to be working in Michigan again. The restaurant proprietor who agreed to cash no checks as long as the bank served no meals, had the right idea. If you persist in going into the banking business don't be surprised if you get stung occasionally.

The great breach of promise suit will long live in your memory. Miss VanAckward's heart-breaking story will melt you to tears. J. Milton's heartlessness will cause you to arise in anger. But will it if you are at the Michigan Memorial church next Thursday night, February 24th you will be able to decide.

The party tonight at the Temple, which is the usual weekly dance given by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Thomas, will be one of the best parties given this season, said Mr. Thomas, "with lots of novelties, contests, and a dancing specialty by Miss Anna Thomas. Dancing will start at 9:30 and continue to 1:30, at the usual prices.

In honor of the 12th birthday anniversary of Martha Sorenson, Mrs. Waldemar Jensen entertained several friends Sunday afternoon from 2:30 until 6:00 o'clock. Mildred Hanson and Helen Sorenson won prizes in a couple of contests. The decorations were kept with St. Valentine, and a very delicious lunch was served by Mrs. Jensen.

Mrs. John Speck's Sunday school class, known as the Bluebird girls, had a delightful Valentine party in the M. E. church parlors Friday evening, each girl inviting a boy friend to enjoy the affair with them. Following a series of games the young folks were treated to delicious refreshments, the table decorations being carried out in St. Valentine fashion.

Mrs. Alfred Bebb invited in a number of friends Thursday evening of last week to help surprise Mr. Bebb on his birthday anniversary. Contests were enjoyed, prizes being won by Miss Ann Peterson, Mrs. Ben Delamar, Daniel Brado and Dr. R. C. Gossage. The lunch table was spread with a heart tablecloth and centered with a pretty birthday cake holding candles.

Plans to attend the Knights of Pythias party at the school gymnasium on Washington's birthday, Tuesday evening, Feb. 22nd. The Pythians have always had a reputation for giving enjoyable parties, and this is going to be a happy one for everyone in attendance. You are cordially invited. Admission, \$1.00 per couple. Single admission for ladies, 50 cents, and spectators 25 cents.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Giegling entertained with a dinner of very pretty appointments Monday evening, the occasion being their second wedding anniversary. The evening was spent playing bridge, high scores being held by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Milnes and consolation by Mr. and Mrs. Harriet Jarmin. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Joseph, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Peterson, Miss Scott of Bay City and Fred Alexander.

The Valentine party held at the Temple Monday night, while not patronized very liberally, was a very pleasant success, and everybody enjoyed themselves immensely. The hall was beautifully decorated, adding a pleasant atmosphere to the occasion. There were plenty of souvenirs, noise-makers, balloons and confetti which helped to liven the party to the highest degree. Everybody went home delighted with the evening's pleasures.

Have you participated in the toboggan slide pleasures? If not, you are missing a lot of good, clean, healthful fun. The slides are in operation every Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights and Sundays. Everyone welcome. There is no charge.

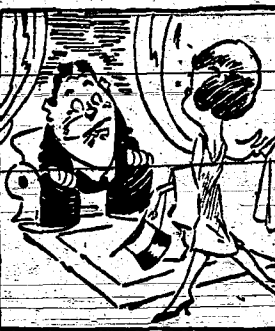
Usually the fellow with an interesting past has the prospect of a very uninteresting future.

NOT FOR QUESTIONS



Mr. Freeman—Guess you won't charge me for asking a question, Mr. Lawyer?
Lawyer—No; the only expense involved is in requiring me to give you an answer, my dear sir.

A FREEZE-OUT



He—Why are you bringing my coat and hat?
She—Didn't you complain of my chilling manner?

NONE NEW TO HIM



You can't teach an old dog new tricks.
No, you can't find a trick that's new to him, I suppose.

CHEATING AT POKER



"Some people aren't satisfied with all there is; they want more."
That's so, I once played poker with a fellow who held five aces."

JUST SAY IT



He—I love you more than anything on earth.
She—Wish I could say the same of you.
He—Why can't you? I did.

MUST KEEP QUIET



You can't cure me. A Chicago man spanked his wife every time she asked for money. Now she's asking for alimony.

Folklore Museum

The following are perhaps the best known museums in the world specializing in folklore: Nordic museum, Stockholm; Museum of Volkskunde, Berlin; and the Museum of Popular Traditions in Paris.

Reform Must Be Early

Men and nations can only be reformed in their youth; they become incorrigible as they grow old.—Rosa.

Birds Sound Warning

Despite the fact that the blue jay is a persistent joker and a noisy, boisterous and happy-go-lucky chap, he is really a remarkable bird.
The blue jay and the crow have a distinctive language of their own and one which is understood by many other species of wild life. Ducks as well as deer, foxes, rabbits, squirrels, woodchucks and many others understand crow and jay talk.

Close observations have proved that many species of wild life will heed the alarm call of both the jay and crow and will immediately upon hearing either of these birds seek the shelter of their dens or some thick patch of briar.

"Petrified Lightning"

The weather bureau says that presumably petrified lightning is what is technically known as a "fulgurite." It is a more or less irregular glassy tube formed by the passage of lightning through sand (generally) or rock, which is fused along the path of discharge. The sand along the central portion of the path appears to be volatilized and driven out, hence the hollow tube with the continuous glassy walls and rough, irregular outer surface.

Music Lovers' Gathering

The "standees" fall, running midway around the top gallery at the Metropolitan opera house, New York, is as much one of the sights as the "diamond horseshoe" in the same auditorium. It is the gathering place of a motley and democratic crew of music lovers from many foreign lands, and the only strict convention imposed is silence during the acts. One standee found himself in company with a Russian piano teacher, a German butcher, an Italian laborer, and a Cuban music student.

Indian Sign Language

The gesture, or sign language, is of more importance than any one Indian tongue, there being seventy-six different Indian vocal languages, and but one universal sign language. The Indians will readily teach one their spoken language, but seem combined against teaching the sign language. A man who lived with the Sioux Indians in the Dakota territory as a boy took ten years to get it, though there are only 761 words in the language.—From Adventure Magazine.

The Rack

The secretary of the golf club had been having a thoroughly bad morning, not only with the committee, but with various members.
He was touched when a nervously polite, obviously new member, approached him.
"Do you mind telling me where I can hang my coat and hat? I've only just joined, and I don't know my way about yet."
"Hang 'em on me, old chap," was the answer. "I'm the secretary."

OPPORTUNITY
COLUMN

FOUND—A PAIR OF LEATHER driving gloves. Inquire at Postoffice, Grayling.

WANTED—GIRL FOR GENERAL housework. Must be good cook and able to go ahead. Good pay. Apply Mrs. J. H. Baughn.

WORK WANTED—EITHER steady or short jobs, such as housework, office cleaning, etc. Miss Hannah Askins, postoffice, Grayling, Mich.

BABY CHICKS EVERY MONDAY and Thursday until July, from selected stock. Write for catalogue. Cherryvale Hatchery, East Jordan, Mich.

FARM FOR SALE—ONE MILE North of Grayling on M-14. Located near what is known as T. Town. Good location. Some wood on it. Jens P. Jensen, Grayling, Mich. 2-17-5

FRESH COWS FOR SALE—WILL sell 6 high class young Holstein cows, tested for tuberculosis and production. Can give exact age, date of freshening and weight of milk as our herd is in a cow testing association. We sell these because we have a dozen heifers soon to freshen. Two high-class heifer calves, born Feb. 9, for \$10 each, if taken at once. We frequently have pure-bred Holstein bull calves for sale cheap, if taken soon after birth. See Harold C. Bailey at farm at eastern city limits, Gaylord or R. D. Bailey, Grayling, Mich.

LOST—FLOOR SCRAPER belonging to Kerry & Hanson, Flooring Co. Party having it please return at once.

WANTED—A PLACE AS HOUSE-keeper. Write Mrs. L. E. Ashmun, Gaylord, Mich.

DISTRICT MANAGER—Well established reputable Detroit firm wishes to find live local representative willing to work hard for opportunity to make a lot of money. Must have best references. Address: Peterson, 19th Fl., Cadillac Square Bldg., Detroit.

FOR SALE—40 ACRES IN CRAW-ford county near Roscommon NE 1/4 of Sec. 33, T. 25 N., R. 2 W., E. 1/2. Inquire of O. P. Schumann, editor, Grayling, Mich. Phone 1112.

BE QUICK—AMAZINGLY LOW chick and egg prices. Rocks, Reds, Leghorns purebred. Prompt shipment. Explanation free. Merrill Hatchery, Merrill, Mich. 1-27-8

FOR SALE—STEEL Kitchen range. Inquire Jess Schoonover, at former Dr. Pool residence.

HOUSEWORK WANTED—CLEAN-ing of any kind of housework. Leave word at Avalanche office.

TWO HOUSES FOR SALE IN GRAY-ling. Going away and can't take houses with me. Walter Nelson, Beaver Creek Twp. Address, Roscommon, R. F. D. 1-13-4



THE STORY

CHAPTER I—At Sleepy Cat Doctor
Carlyle Wentworth, a young man of
a shooting scrape in Bartoe's gam-
bling den, in which John Selwood,
gambler in defense of his wounded
partner, Dave Tracy, shows remarkable
skill and nerve.

CHAPTER II—A year afterward,
Selwood, now Wentworth's representa-
tive at Sleepy Cat, driving his buck-
board, comes upon a settler whose
wagon had turned in a creek. He has
get the outfit clear; after picking up a
girl's shoe and seen and been attracted
by the supple owner, he has been
led to a small, one-story house, where
he finds a young woman, who tells
him that Selwood, her mother's
husband, is a gambler.

CHAPTER III

Gentleman John.
The evening was young when Mc-
Alpin stepped briskly into the gam-
bling room. It was well lighted by
handsomely bracketed kerosene
lamps on the side walls and by elab-
orate hanging lamps. The center
hanging lamp was a particularly bril-
liant affair, the pride of the janitor.
Bull Page, a broken cowboy, who al-
ways saw that this particular lamp
was in the pink of good order.

Like one familiar with his sur-
roundings, McAlpin walked directly
up the middle of the long room, not
daring here and there to an acquaint-
ance, and directed his steps to the
upper right-hand corner, in which,
partly concealed from the tables, a
flat-topped desk faced McAlpin
diagonally. Behind the desk stood a
swivel armchair, on a wall shelf be-
hind the chair there reposed a card
photograph, crudely framed, of a man
in the uniform of a Union soldier.
Beside this, but more conspicuous
because much larger, stood a glass
display of the kind used to cover
French-manet clocks. Under this
display there reposed already in place
of the expensive clock which had
been removed to make place for it, a
single slender high stool, evidently
the shoe of a girl of eighteen or
twenty years. It showed but little
wear and, during the evening, attract-
ed much attention and elicited many
questions. But beyond the vague
statement that it was there for good
luck—no explanation to any one was
then or afterward forthcoming from
Selwood.

McAlpin watched the play a few
minutes with the air of one that had
graduated from that form of enter-
tainment, and snatched back toward
the front door. There his active eye
fell on a man of medium stature
standing with his hands in his
pockets, leaning against the door-
jamb and looking out into the street.
He showed in his bronze-colored face
the hue of an Indian. Bob Scott,
partly of Chippewa blood, and car-
ried a Sioux captive far from the
haunting grounds of his fathers, was
now a retainer of John Selwood's.

McAlpin ambled up to him like an old
acquaintance, which, in fact, he was.
"I'm looking for the boss, Bob," he
said, with some importance in his
tone.

The Indian only drew his hands
from his pockets to place them be-
hind his back on the jamb he was
leaning against, and smiled in friend-
ly fashion.

"I'm thinking he went up the river,"
he said, "he ought to be back by
now."

"What would he be going up the
river for?" asked McAlpin with
native suspicion.

"To see a man."

"What man would John Selwood
want to see up river?"

Scott smiled enigmatically. "May-
be the old padre—the one that trav-
els that way sometimes with the
Blackfeet."

"I hear he let Big Haynes go this
morning," Bob said. "McAlpin—cav-
erly. What for? He was the fast-
est dealer in the house, and he's
right forefinger and crooked it."

stitutional weakness that had brought
him to the mountain country—a
weakness now so well checked that
at twenty-seven he looked fresh and
boyish among men who, though hard-
ly older in years, seemed to have
felt more heavily the hardships of
frontier life. There was nothing as-
gressive about his appearance; but
his gray eyes, chilled his manner
when his face was in repose, and he
was known to waste but few words
in reaching a conclusion, and none
in pursuing a vain dispute.

He heard patiently McAlpin's com-
plaints as to the crowded condition
of the barn, and only reminded him
that the coming of the railroad
would mean the cutting off of much
freight and that there would soon be
more room at the barn than business.

"And," he added, "don't lose a chance
to let go any mules you can sell to
advantage."

So saying, Selwood tossed his hat
on the desk and sat down. McAlpin
hurried through the preliminary of
the story with every indication of
nervousness, twirling his cap at in-
tervals over his fingers and hesitat-
ing at times for a word or phrase to
estimate the effect on his hearer, who
was looking, as he listened, over a
batch of reports. Leveer, the wagon
boss, had left on his desk.

"But try as he would, McAlpin could
gain no clue to the impression he was
making. It was only after Selwood
looked up at the close of the evening
that McAlpin could even guess what
he might expect; then Selwood shook
his head as if annoyed and his first
words dashed McAlpin's hopes.

"Why bring that kind of a story to
me?" he asked. He spoke without
feeling, but as if his time were being
imposed on. "They rob people down
there all the time. That's their busi-
ness," he continued, "but I've seen
enough of the papers before him. I've
back to your den and forget yourself."

"John," pleaded McAlpin, low and
softly but persistently, "I want to tell
you: this is a hard case, a blamed
hard case. It's Dave Tracy's work—
he's the biggest all-around thief in
Sleepy Cat. Starbuck's got an inter-
est in that place. Half the money
I'm saying half, John—goes straight
into Starbuck's pocket. It's a crime,"
exclaimed McAlpin, in half-whispered
desperation, "the way that man Star-
buck is picking up money."

It would have needed a full knock-
out of the head to stun him to realize
McAlpin's craft in his last appeal.
Selwood, he knew, liked Starbuck
less than he did any man in Sleepy
Cat. With but a slight acquaintance
between the two, there was no either-
side, no regard for him. And McAlpin
knew that if it worried Selwood as
much as it did him to see such men
picking up money easily, he could be
attracted by the reminder of it.

Yet all he could urge on this score
left Selwood cold. And perceiving
that no impression was made, but
rather that Selwood's eyes were wan-
dering over the room, McAlpin added
that Leveer had come in with a new
saddle pony that afternoon, and per-
haps Selwood would like to step down
to the barn a minute to look it over.

This news had quite a different
effect on the hard-headed gambler.
The pony, a present from Ben Ven-
worth, the active owner of the
wealthy freighting company of which
Selwood was a division superin-
tendent, had been eagerly awaited.

McAlpin loved a horse and
knew that Selwood loved a horse and
the sight of the pony, groomed to
an actual polish, did gratify Selwood.
"If her action is up to her brags, she's
all right," he said, as McAlpin swung
the interminable away from the box stall
to try her out in the evening.

Sounding her pulses carefully, Mc-
Alpin stirred his horse into the office,
where Mrs. McCracken and Selwood
sat in solemn silence. Selwood paid
no attention to them, drew a roll
of bills and handed one to McAlpin.
At that moment McAlpin, thinking
him earnestly, jerked his head toward
Mrs. McCracken to bid her rise. He
hurriedly introduced her to Selwood
and pointed to Misses dramatically
as Bunty Bartoe's victim.

Moses stood miserably up, but, de-
spite McAlpin's insistent nodding, the
woman appeared unable to rise. She
tried to, but could not. Selwood cast
a cold eye on her. McAlpin hid her
tell her story. Fortunately for the im-
pudent woman, she could not even do
that; telling it so many times in so
few hours had left her too exhausted
even to speak. But she looked the
story out of her mournful eyes. They
stared something in Selwood that
words would perhaps not have
reached. "This is the man, m'am,
that can get you back your money,"
said McAlpin, pointing emphatically
to Selwood. "If he wants to. Tell
him," he bawled, starting for the
barnyard door, "you want him to
rob?"

Flopping quickly from the room,
McAlpin left Selwood at the mercy
of the dumb appeal. The woman,
galvanized into a sort of life by Mc-
Alpin's words, started, rose, sank
back into McAlpin's chair, choked,
and managed to ask one unfortunate
question: "Are you the sheriff, sir?"

A faint grin overspread Selwood's
features—it was his only answer.
"Or the marshal, sir?" she ven-
tured.

McAlpin, listening outside, decided
she had killed every chance of help.
He could not see Selwood's face but
felt a heavy silence.

"Is this your mother?" McAlpin
after a pause, heard Selwood ask the
question of the boy and heard the
boy's affirmative answer.

"What kind of specimen are you?"
McAlpin hurried down the barn to
get away from the tongue-lashing that
he knew was to follow—for Selwood
was credited with a frontier vocabu-
lary not alone uniquely forcible but
also extremely biting.

The barn boss was brought back to
the scene by a sharp call from Sel-
wood, who bade him look after the
woman. In the excitement—and much
to Selwood's annoyance—she had
fainted and fallen into Selwood's
arms. When McAlpin had taken her
in hand—and as a widower he knew
how to hold a baby or a woman—
Selwood spoke sharply to Moses and
told him to come with him.

He had said no word as to his in-
tentions, but McAlpin knew exactly
what they were. Pushing the boy im-
patiently ahead, Selwood stepped into
the street and slammed the door be-
hind him.

Bartoe's place, in the River quar-
ter, besides those periodically victim-
ized within it, had a regular follow-
ing of the characters that haunt the
border-line between honest men and
rogues—always a considerable one on
the frontier—and a sympathetic fol-
lowing of the parasites moving in and
out of Sleepy Cat; men who, like the
habitués of Bartoe's, lived wholly by
their wits.

It was ten o'clock at night when
Selwood walked into this place with
Moses McCracken in tow. Bartoe,
soft-spoken and with all the words
needed for a colloquy—but few—
waste on compliments, met Selwood
with the doubtful grin of a man that
can't figure out exactly what is com-
ing. With his eyes roving apologetically
from Selwood's words to Moses' so-
lemp face, Bartoe listened atten-
tively to all that was said. Moses,
meanwhile, following earlier explicit
directions, was looking carefully at
the few men standing in the room.

As Selwood finished, Bartoe, resting
his eyes on Moses, spoke mildly:
"I never saw this fellow before, that I
know of. We ain't seen six hundred dol-
lars at once here in a month. This fel-
low's picked the wrong place, that's all."

Selwood gave no credence what-
ever to the expected denial, but
Moses saved him the trouble of say-
ing so by pointing suddenly to a man
sitting alone at a card table across
the room, poring over an old and
well-thumbed illustrated newspaper.

"There's the man that was with me
here—and this," he looked Bartoe in
the eye—"is the man that was deal-
ing the three cards." Bartoe only
laughed. Moses, he insisted, quite un-
derstanding, was mistaken—a thing that
might happen to any man. "I make
mistakes, myself," he said pleasantly
to Moses, whose submissiveness in re-
peating his accusation gave Bartoe
no offense.

But Selwood showed immediate in-
terest in the man with the newspaper.
He was a liveryman who traded in
stolen horses when he safely could,
and in stolen goods—using his barn
for a fence. Selwood had already
suffered at his hands—or his employ-



He Walked Straight Toward Atkins.
ers, Russell and Wentworth had—
and this seemed a time to "round him
up proper," as Jim McAlpin would
have expressed it.

Selwood raised his voice. "Atkins!"
he said. "Look here a minute."

Atkins glanced stupidly over at the
three, who stood with their eyes on
him. "Come over here, Atkins," said
Selwood, "I want to talk to you."

The expression of Atkins' face
promised a clear response to the cur-
rent request. "I guess it's about as far
over to me over to you as it is from you
over to me," he suggested, making
to move to rise. Selwood wasted no
time. He walked straight toward At-
kins, who started up in alarm as Sel-
wood briskly approached. "It may
not be any farther one way than the
other," retorted Selwood, "but you've
picked the expensive way. I was will-
ing to let you keep part of your steal-
ings—now you and Bartoe hand out
the six hundred dollars you robbed
this day of at Monte."

Men crowded up. Selwood knew
every one of them. He knew about
what each represented in the way of
danger. But he abated nothing what-
ever of his aggressive insistence. At-
kins, sullen and evasive, denying and
threatening by turns, was for stand-
ing Bartoe, with better judgment, realized
the man they had to deal with. Sel-
wood gave little heed to the war of
words kindled by his arbitrary atti-
tude—the only sort of an effective
one with the ruffians he was facing.

When Atkins had wearied himself
with brave words, Bartoe, encouraged
by Selwood's silence, intervened more
boldly himself. Selwood put up his
hand to check both.

"Atkins," he said, without raising
his voice, "this isn't the only score
I've got to settle with you, but I'll
settle this now. You robbed this fel-
low; you're going to pay him back
every dollar you took. Now I'm done

with you for the present—now you
Bartoe," he turned on the gambler—
"if the six hundred isn't up on my
table by eleven o'clock tonight, I'll
close this joint in the morning and
run you out of town—or, what's
just as good, I'll give you a chance
to run me out. Just get together your
friends—no, don't talk back. You've
said it all. Starbuck? Why, yes, call
it Starbuck by all means." Selwood
hardly took the trouble to laugh at
the threats flung at him. "Yes, I know
that, too. Just as much a gambler
as you are? Well!" Selwood caught
his breath in pleasant acknowl-
edgment. "I hope," he said, "for the
honor of a dishonorable profession,
that you want a real game in the morn-
ing, with Starbuck for an opener, you
know now just exactly how to get it."

CHAPTER IV

Starbuck Intervenes.

A wrangle between Bartoe and At-
kins followed Selwood's departure—
forced and acrimonious on Atkins' part,
not cheerful on Bartoe's. Atkins
counseled defiance, but Bartoe remem-
bered him suddenly that he had nothing
whatsoever at stake. Atkins had noth-
ing more to do than strike the trail
for fresh pastures—he was reputed to
carry his roll all in his pocket—
and come back to his barn when
things blew over; whereas Bartoe
faced the immediate loss of his whole
establishment. And in the heat of
their quarrel Starbuck, the man
whose name had been thrown menac-
ingly at Selwood, walked blun-
tly in on the angry men.

"Yes, Harry told me Selwood had
been here," Starbuck named as
"Harry," fat, husky Harry Barbanet,
who, by dint of some crafty-bustling
about, some skillful eavesdropping, and
the exercise of some extraordinary
instinct, had possessed himself of the
whole story and "scooped" the house
by getting first with it to Starbuck's
ear. "I know all about what he want-
ed," continued Starbuck. "Where're
you going to do?"

His appearance had a quieting ef-
fect on the disputants to the degree
that they left off abusing each other
and turned together to abuse Star-
buck. Still in his early thirties, Star-
buck, well built, frank in manner,
more than equal in suave speech to
the worthies in Sleepy Cat, and game
even to meet encounters, as he had
fallen him, enjoyed an accredited rep-
utation in the River quarter. Not un-
pleasant in feature—rather light of
complexion and alert in bearing, he
was looked to as a local arbiter of
River quarter difficulties and was,
moreover, de facto mayor of Sleepy
Cat. I say de facto because the fran-
chise was only a nominal part of
Sleepy Cat politics and Starbuck held
the title principally by acclamation—
so to speak; and held it successfully
against other possible claimants.

"What are we going to do?" echoed
Bartoe. "We can't do anything with-
out a fight—and nobody can tell how
a fight's going to come out. Go talk
to Selwood yourself, Starbuck. Is he
running this town or are you?"

"What are we paying a mayor for?"
demanded Atkins, unpleasantly sig-
nificant.

Starbuck silenced his puerile
batters by confining a few brief re-
marks strictly to one-syllable words.
Then, tarrying only long enough to
absorb all pertinent details of the
row, he strode up street to interview
Selwood.

Starbuck realized the delicate posi-
tion in which Selwood's action left
him. Two bosses could not exist at
the same time in Sleepy Cat, and
there was in the situation this further
element of uncertainty that Starbuck
wanted to solve. He knew Selwood
but slightly and knew him chiefly as
a man who minded strictly his own
business. Did he mean now to aspire
for local leadership? Starbuck hoped
not but wanted to know.

He met his strong-willed rival on
Selwood, who stood smoking while he
watched with mild interest the play
at a table where a new dealer sat in-
stalled.

"Selwood," said Starbuck, inquiry-
ingly, putting out his hand. "You're
Starbuck," answered Selwood
laconically as he gave him his own
hand.

"Can I have a word with you?"
asked Starbuck. For answer Selwood
proffered a cigar from his waistcoat
pocket, led the way to his table in the
corner and pointed to a chair. Both
men sat down. Starbuck spoke.

"I don't like to see a quarrel get
going in the street, Selwood," he
began, with an air of good-fellowship.
"Dave Tracy and I didn't always
agree. Tracy was getting pretty well
along in years and he was a little
cranky once in a while—I guess
maybe I was, too."

Starbuck smiled faintly with the
candid admission. Selwood's face was
receptively non-committal. "But
Tracy," continued Starbuck, "and
enemies where he might have had
friends, which is a foolish policy."

"My opinion," Selwood said, "is
not a matter of opinion. It's a fact. I
can't trust him. I can't trust him."
"Now Bartoe," he went on quietly,
"has turned up a little grievance
against you. I told him I didn't
think there was anything serious to
it—nothing but what could be ironed
out between man and man—so I said
I'd just come and have a little talk
with you."

Starbuck paused—not as a man
that has said all, but as if inviting
the other fellow to say something.
Selwood only took his cigar from his
mouth, waiting courteously for his in-
terviewer to continue.

"I suppose," resumed Starbuck,
not discomposed. "I'm less acquainted
with you than I am with most men
in town. You're a reasonable man,
you spoken of as a reasonable man,
more than what's right. Bartoe feels
you came down on him pretty strong
—I suppose you had some good rea-
son for what you did."

Starbuck, feeling, naturally, that
he had put his own cards fairly on
the table, and in no wise upset by his
peculiar reception, now sat silent, in-
tense, and waited for the other man
to play.

Selwood knocked the ashes from
his cigar and broke the pause with a
question—just precisely an expected
one. "What difference did you ever
have with Dave Tracy?" he asked,
without changing the expression of
his eyes, and speaking in friendly
tones and in a merely casual manner.

"Why, none at all that I recall this
minute," declared Starbuck, covering
the retreat of his surprise with a
little celerity of answer. "I said we
didn't maybe always agree. But I'm
no man to remember little differences—
they don't mean anything to me. And
nobody was sorer than I was to
be 'scooped' when Dave was sorer
down at Bartoe's. You sure sowed the
bunch that did it. Dave can thank
you he's alive."

"It was poor shooting," murmured
Selwood, innocently meditating.
"And, as you say, Dave is getting on
in years. And it was pretty decent
enough to finish him. Dave says,"
he rambled on, quietly, "that you
and he split because he wouldn't pay
you money for protection."

Starbuck showed his first impa-
tience. "If Tracy said that," he
began.

"What's that?" demanded Selwood,
with a shade more of life and care-
fulness in his tone—"If Tracy said
that—"

"Not doubting your word at all,
Selwood—not at all. But somebody
in a town like this—always has to
be as peacemaker—you know that.
The boys seemed to pick on me for
the job. It ain't much of a job, nor
one I was looking for. But I was
foot-loose and took it to oblige. I
found I was getting all the kicks and
the boys getting all the money, so I
asked them to chip in down along the
line. Most of 'em did. Tracy and a
few others didn't."

"Wasn't Tracy the only one that
didn't?" asked Selwood impassively.
"That may be—I don't remember.
But I never had any hard feeling
against Tracy on that account. I
want you to know that, Selwood.
You seem," continued Starbuck with
some diffidence, "to want to stick to
that subject. I didn't come here to-
night to make over old scores—I came
here to try to patch up new ones, Sel-
wood."

"Before we get out the sticking
plaster," Selwood went on evenly,
"let's get Dave's position clear—and
mine. Dave felt that a place run like
this place, where a straight game is
dead, didn't need any protection—
neither the place nor the proprietors."

It may be he made a mistake, but
that's the way Dave felt—that's the
way I feel. Now about this Bartoe
business. He robbed Dave a while
ago, a boy here with his woman's
mother, of six hundred dollars. I told
Bartoe to give the boy back his
money. He refused. I told him I'd
clean him out in the morning or he
could clean me out. There's no use
of more words about it—that's all
there is to it."

"Well, I wouldn't say that's all,
Selwood," observed Starbuck, assen-
tially. "You here to keep him
from getting any more money. I
want to know if I can't have any plans
burned in the business quarter of
Sleepy Cat. He's in the gambling
business same as you are."

Selwood jumped as if stung, and
used a strong word. "Same old, I
am," he retorted mildly. "Do I send
out jailbirds like Atkins to drag men
in here to rob them? What do you
mean?"

"It needed all of Starbuck's diplo-
macy to quiet things down. He re-
hearsed Bartoe's defense. He urged
good feeling—all to no purpose. He
found he could make no impression
whatever on Selwood's firmness. He
rose at length, indignant. "I see I
can't reason with you. If anything
unpleasant happens—don't hold me
responsible."

"Not if you keep out of it," ob-
served Selwood, unperturbed.

"I'm here to keep the peace, not to
keep out," retorted Starbuck, ris-
ing in his full height before his
troubled customer. Selwood rose
too. "I believe you left. Thief-
taker just before I went there," he
said calmly. "You had some trouble
regarding claim stuns."

Starbuck blazed. "What do you
mean?" he demanded.

"Miners will show all night to
round up a claim jumper. But I feel
exactly as you do, Starbuck. Why
rake up old scores?"

"As far as I'm concerned," ex-
claimed Starbuck, advancing hotly, as
Selwood purposely retreated. "If you
mean the bunch that tried to jump
my claims down there—bring on your
miners!"

"I'm not much on old scores, Star-
buck," said Selwood soberly. "I don't
think we're going to have any trouble
here—not you and I, anyway. Our
teamsters can take care of Bunty's
ouster tomorrow. I'm riding down in
three days."

"I'll never myself tonight. I keep a
ness and the old Selwood keep a
horse saddled. I'll be here at half
past eleven o'clock. I expect be-
cause that Bartoe will have that six
hundred here. Drop in any time,
Starbuck. Always glad to see you."

With this judicious and even-lan-
guage of threats, hints, "any-
ways," and small talk, Selwood left
Starbuck gasping with feathers once more
unruffled. But neither had fooled
the other in the slightest degree. Both
understood it was only a possible
preliminary to situations that might
carry far into the future.

At one minute past eleven o'clock
Selwood left the gambling hall for
the barn. His pony was waiting.
Climbing into the saddle he headed
south for the "Thief River" trail, head-
ing out the new point to the stars. He
crossed the river bridge and was
swinging out on the Spanish sinks
when he heard the clatter of hoofs
behind him. A horseman, riding fast,
overhauled him and he looked around
to greet Bob Scott. Scott reined in
beside the gambler, with his pony on
his haunches. "The money's up," he
grinned. "You won't need to bother
the miners."

They rode back at a leisurely pace,
put up their horses, and walked to-
gether up the hill. Selwood got the
money, counted it, handed it to Scott,
told him where to find the owner
and deliver it. "Tell her to get her
boy out of town before somebody else
gets it away from him," was his only
injunction.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

REGISTRATION NOTICE

To the qualified electors of the Vil-
lage of Grayling, State of Michigan:
Notice is hereby given that in con-
formity with Act 126, Public Acts of
1917, I, the undersigned Township
Clerk, will, upon any day, except
Sunday and a legal holiday, the day
of any regular or special election or
primary election, receive for registra-
tion the name of any legal voter in
said village not already registered
who may apply to me personally for
such registration, or who may make
application for registration by mail
or messenger, as provided by Act 7,
of Public Acts of 1913, except that I
can receive no names for registration
during the time intervening between
the second Saturday before any gen-
eral or special election or official
primary election and the day of such
election.

MARCH 5, 1927—LAST DAY
For General Registration for Election
March 14, 1927.

All electors not already registered
and intending to vote at said election,
should make application to me on or
before the 5th day of March, A. D.
1927.

Notice is further given that I will
be at the M. C. R. R. freight office on
Saturdays, Feb. 26 and March 6th,
1927, from 7:00 o'clock a. m. until
8:00 o'clock p. m. on each said day
for the purpose of reviewing the reg-
istration and Registering such of the
qualified electors in said village as
shall appear and apply therefor.

The name of no person but an ac-
tual resident of the precinct at the
time of registration, and entitled un-
der the constitution, if remaining
such resident, to vote at the next
election, shall be entered in the regis-
tration book.

CHRIS JENSON,
Township Clerk.

REGISTRATION NOTICE

To the Qualified Electors of the
Township of Lovells, County of
Crawford, State of Michigan:
Notice is hereby given that in con-
formity with the "Michigan Election
Law," I, the undersigned Township
Clerk, will, upon any day, except
Sunday and a legal holiday, the day
of any regular or special election or
primary election, receive for registra-
tion the name of any legal voter in
said township not already registered
who may apply to me personally for
such registration. Provided, how-
ever, that I can receive no names for
registration during the time interven-
ing between the second Saturday be-
fore any regular, special or official
primary election and the day of such
election.

The last day for general registra-
tion does not apply to persons who
vote under the Absent Voters' law.
(See Registration by Affidavit.)
March 26, 1927, Last Day
for General Registration by personal
application for said election.
Notice is further hereby given that
I will be at my home on

MARCH 12 and MARCH 19
A. D. 1927, from 8 o'clock a. m. until
3 o'clock p. m. on each said day for
the purpose of Reviewing the Regis-
tration and Registering such of the
qualified electors in said township as
shall properly apply therefor.

The name of no person but an ac-
tual resident of the precinct at the
time of registration, and entitled un-
der the constitution, if remaining
such resident, to vote at the next
election, shall be entered in the regis-
tration book.

LOUISE MCCORMICK,
Township Clerk.

REGISTRATION NOTICE

To the Qualified Electors of the
Township of Beaver Creek, County of
Crawford, State of Michigan:
Notice is hereby given that in con-
formity with the "Michigan Election
Law," I, the undersigned Township
Clerk, will, upon

Farm Bureau Notes

R. D. Bailey, Co. Agricultural Agent



The following notes are so much needed by our farmers that we have taken them without charge, from Hoard's Dairyman. We believe that the three following articles teach what should be practiced by our farmers.

Feeding Cows Before and After Calving

My cows will freshen within a month. I am feeding them sweet clover hay cut in October from a seeding made last spring. The hay is fine, leafy, and of good quality. Besides the hay, I am feeding 3 pounds of corn and one-half pound of linseed meal to each cow twice daily. The cows are in good condition. Is there anything wrong with my feeding? My main trouble is to know how soon after calving I should increase the feed. Can one harm a cow by getting her up on full feed too soon after calving? My cows are all heavy milkers. After the cows calve, I will have alfalfa hay, sweet corn, oats, and linseed meal to feed. What is a good ration and how should it be fed?

A. G.

The fact that these cows are now in good condition is evidence that they have been receiving adequate feed. If we assume that the cows are eating 10 pounds of sweet clover hay daily, add to this the nutrients supplied in 7 pounds of corn and one-half pound of linseed meal, we have 2.43 pounds of digestible protein and 14.51 pounds of total digestible nutrients. The daily requirements for a 1,000 pound dry cow are 7 pounds of digestible protein and 7.25 pounds of total digestible nutrients. From this it is seen that there is an adequate surplus of nutrients for increasing the body weight and for nourishing the fetus. This explains why the cows are in good condition.

One should not continue this same concentrates mixture right up to calving time, however, because of the large proportion of corn and cob meal. About three weeks before the cows are due to freshen the proportion of corn should gradually be reduced and bran and ground oats substituted for it. A few days before the cows freshen the corn should be entirely withdrawn from the mixture and one made of 4 parts bran, 2 parts ground oats, and 1 part linseed meal. The daily allowance of this mixture should gradually be restricted to where a cow will receive only 4 or 5 pounds, and it would be better that she receive only hay and water on the last day previous to calving. Following the birth of the calf the cow will need nothing but a warm bran mash for the first 24 hours. If the weather is extremely cold she should have a warm water. Following this for three or four days a bran mash and legume hay will be sufficient, following which the mixture of bran, 4 parts, ground oats 2 parts, and linseed meal 1 part will suffice, for a week or ten days.

It is not a good practice to begin full feeding cows a few days after they freshen, especially cows in good condition. It is best to let them settle down a little and then gradually come up on the feed where the nutrients supplied are adequate to meet the production requirements and also enable the cow to check the reduction in weight. We doubt if our inquirer will persist in his cows to eat much straw while they are getting good alfalfa hay. A good grain mixture to be used with alfalfa hay may be made of 400 pounds corn and cob meal, 400 pounds ground oats, 200 pounds bran, and 100 pounds linseed meal. The alfalfa hay should be fed to the limit of appetite; the grain mixture and about 1 pound for each 3 1/2 pounds of milk produced daily.

Alfalfa as Roughage
What is a good grain mixture to feed with alfalfa as the only roughage feed? I do not have a large cow. Is 65 cents, oats 45 cents a bushel, bran \$30, linseed meal \$60, and cottonseed meal \$45 a ton.

W. C. C.

Where alfalfa hay is the only roughage fed and the cows given all they will clean up, the grain mixture need not contain more than 10 percent of digestible protein. In fact, could contain considerably less and still the complete ration would supply plenty of protein.

One of the factors of successful feeding is to have the ration palatable so the cows will be tempted to eat liberal quantities continuously throughout the lactation period. To make rations palatable one is sometimes justified in sacrificing some protein in order to get variety and to make the ration palatable.

A grain mixture composed of 400 pounds ground corn, 400 pounds ground oats, 200 pounds bran, and 100 pounds linseed meal contains 10 percent of digestible protein. The linseed meal is put in because there is no succulence in the ration. While it does not take the place of succulence it does have a very beneficial laxative effect on the digestion. A ration consisting of 20 pounds alfalfa hay and 10 pounds of this mixture supplies enough nutrients for a 1,000 lb cow to produce 80 pounds of a percent milk and still have about three-fourths of a pound of digestible protein in excess of the requirement.

Feeding Calves

How much skim milk should a calf one month old have? How much for a calf four months old? When should one start feeding grain and hay to young calves? What is a good grain mixture and how much should calves have? What kind of hay is best?

O. B.

A calf one month old should get 10 to 12 pounds of skim milk daily. This amount should gradually be increased until calves four months old are getting 16 to 18 pounds daily. Young calves will usually begin to nibble at grain and hay when they are between 30 and 40 days old. These feeds should be placed available to calves at this age. As long as the calves are getting a liberal supply of skim milk and have access to good quality legume hay, the grain mixture may be composed of equal parts of whole corn and oats or barley may be included. At 40 days of age, calves will be eating about one-half pound each of grain and hay daily. This amount should gradually be increased to where they are getting about 4 pounds of grain and 3 pounds of hay at 180 days of age. In addition to which they should get from 16 to 18 pounds of skim milk daily.

It is best to keep young calves just a little hungry rather than to overfeed them. This applies particularly while they are under 4 months of age. Legume hay, such as red clover, alfalfa, or mixed hay with more than 50 percent clover are all good for calves. Quality is important in hay for calves.

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DO YOU KNOW A NEW WAY TO LEARN ONE WORTH WHILE THING EACH DAY?

36. The fastest thing on legs?
37. The fastest mechanical conveyance?
38. The strongest man of modern times?
39. The tallest structure ever built by man?
40. When was the year without a summer?
41. If lost, could you tell the directions, in daytime by your watch, at night by the stars?
42. Some rules concerning Chinese personal names?

Correct Answers Given Next Week
See how many you can answer by that time.
They will embrace the fundamentals of a liberal education. Get a scrap book and keep for future reference.
(We invite constructive suggestions or criticisms.)

Answers to East Ward Questions
29. How do the train brakes work? The engine has an air compressor, a tank and a control valve, each car has a smaller tank, a triple valve, and a horizontal brake cylinder. The cylinder has two pistons, connected by a spiral spring. The train hose connects the engine tank with the tank under each car. A pressure of 70 to 80 pounds is maintained in the train pipe and each car tank. The brake cylinder is empty and the brakes off. To apply the brakes, the engineer opens the control valve, which forces the pressure in the train pipe. Each car brake then works automatically and independently, thus: The pressure in the car tank, now being greater than in the train pipe, it moves the triple valve and opens a passage by which the air in the car tank rushes into the brake cylinder, forcing the pistons of the cylinder apart and applies the brakes.

To release the brakes, the engineer admits air from the engine tank into the train pipe. This forces the triple valve back into place, closes the opening between car tank and brake cylinder and refills the car tank. At the same time opens an escape for the air in the brake cylinder and the pistons are drawn back to their original position by the spiral spring. The Westinghouse brake has saved more lives than were destroyed in all of Napoleon's wars.

30. The meaning of the Red Stripes on the Barber Pole? In former times barbers also "carried on" as surgeons and performed the operation of bleeding, then a common remedy for most ills. The spiral red stripes symbolize the practice of winding a ribbon around the arm prior to letting the blood. The barber surgeons were incorporated in England in 1461; were united with the surgeons in the reign of Henry VIII. This connection was dissolved by an act reading in part: "The trade of a barber is foreign to an independent of the practice of surgery." Until recent times the surgeons of the Swedish navy acted as barbers for the crew.

31. Of what has the Finger Ring been a Symbol from the remotest Time? From the remotest time the finger ring (usually connected with a seal) has been an emblem of authority, which could be delegated by the simple process of delivering it to an agent. The cases of Pharaoh and Ahasuerus are instances of this. They have long been in almost universal use as a token of betrothal and marriage.

32. When can one Legally Drive on the Left Side of the Road? Vehicles, when passing, should turn to the right, each on his side of the center of the highway, or the traveled part of the road. It does not follow that because a driver is on the right hand side of the road he can disregard the rights of others coming in the opposite direction. If the road is covered with drifted snow, or a part of the highway flooded, travelers must turn to the right of the traveled part of the road as it is then. If an obstruction on the right hand side of the highway, a washout, or a hole in a bridge or culvert, one can drive on the left side until the obstruction is passed, if he uses proper care when doing so.

33. How much Silver and Copper is Legal Tender for a Debt? Silver dollars and treasury notes are legal tender to any amount, unless otherwise stipulated in the contract. One need not take, against his will, more than \$10 in halves, quarters and dimes; nor more than 25 cents in nickels and pennies.

34. Are National Bank Notes Legal Tender? Yes, to the Government, and between banks, but not to an individual. (Ordinarily it would be poor business to refuse them.) If the amount one owes is in dispute, however, and he wishes to pay what he thinks is due, he should be very careful, for if he should offer money that is not legal tender and the other party should refuse it and afterwards sue, the court would be compelled to hold that no tender of payment had been made.

35. A few simple rules concerning Chinese geographical names? Each Chinese syllable has a distinctive meaning when grouped with other syllables: "King," as in Peking and Nanking, means capital, Peking being the capital of the north and Nanking of the south. "Pe," as in Peking and Hupoh, means north, "Nan," as in Nanking and Honan, means south, "Ho," as in Hwang-Ho and Honan, means river, "Kiang," as in Yangtze-Kiang and Kiangsi, means stream, "Chau," as in Fuchan and Suchun, means place (section of land), "Fu," as in San-Fu and Yan-nan-fu, means west, "Tung," as in Tsingtung, means island, "Hait," as in Shanghai, means sea; "Shan," as in Shantung, means mountains; "Tung," as in Kungtung, means east, and "Hu," as in Hupeh, means lake. "Shantung," for instance, is equivalent to "East Mountain," in English.

BACKWARD, TURN BACKWARD
(From the Iowa News)
Backward, turn backward, O Time, in your flight;
Give me long hair again, just for to-night;
Let me get busy, ere memory fades,
Washing my tresses and doing my braids.
Let some team call for me driving a horse;
Even a tuckboard would not be so worse;
Let us come trotting back, me at his side,
Let me say "Thanks" for the old buggy ride.
Let me go to parties where all behave nice;
Proper in manners and stories they tell;
Let some good dancer, with decorous grip,
Waltz me around with no flask on his hip.
O, let me rest from this soul-killing race,
Throw away compact and cigarette case;
Tune out the radio, let me expand,
Playing sweet airs on the upright or grand.
Let me wear skirts that are down to my heels,
Put on a bangle and see how it feels.
How I'd love low heels, regardless of height,
Give me my corsets back, just for to-night.
—Author not yet apprehended.

EPWORTH LEAGUE TO STAGE MOCK TRIAL
The most sensational event in local society this winter is the announcement that a \$50,000 breach of promise suit has been filed in the local court by Miss Cynthia VanAckward against the popular and handsome Milton Lightheart. Both of these individuals are well-known and popular in local society, and the present action is almost as astounding as the announcement last fall of Miss VanAckward's engagement to the young man whose name is now ringing suit against her. On being interviewed, Miss VanAckward refused to make any statement for publication other than admitting that she was bringing suit for damages, though she did say that though she wins all that she is asking for in the local courts she will still be broken hearted and her suffering but slightly relieved.

On interviewing Mr. Lightheart, we learned that he is considering the whole thing as a joke and while he says he is very much surprised at Miss VanAckward's action he has little fear of the outcome of the trial.

Because of the great importance of the case a special session of the court will be held on the evening of February 24th, court being called at 8:00 p. m. Sharp. Inasmuch as the local court rooms will not accommodate the many interested friends of the parties involved the trial will be held in the auditorium of the Michigan Memorial Union. The date of the above mentioned under the direction of the Epworth League, and since they desire to utilize the occasion as a church benefit, a charge for admission will be made, which charge will be 20c and 35c. The most brilliant legal minds will be present representing both parties, a host of witnesses and the usual jury. Judge Tufonum will occupy the bench.

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There is more reason at present for confidence that the railroad problems of the United States will be solved in a manner beneficial to the public, the employees and investors in railway securities than there has been within the last 20 years. The progress made is due mainly to a better understanding of the railroad on the part of the public, and the future of the railway is in their hands.

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Michigan Happenings

Henry Ford has bought several thousand acres more of land on which he will try to prove to the farmer that what the farmers take a year to do in producing farm staples can be done in 10 to 20 days through organization, intensive specialization and use of labor-saving machinery. The Ford estimate would allow two days for ploughing and harrowing, one day for planting, five days for cultivation during the growth, two days for harvesting and threshing, and the remainder of the time for ditching, fencing, distributing fertilizer, etc.

The village of Birmingham is to have a 100-foot highway on Woodward avenue this year and later another parallel road from 100 to 150 feet wide will be opened through the village to handle the increased traffic on wider Woodward. The parallel road will be built as soon as the wider Woodward avenue project is completed between Detroit and Pontiac. Such was the decision reached by the State Administrative Board and a resolution to that effect was adopted unanimously.

Indications of an impending legislative battle were given when Dr. Clarence Cook Little, president of the University of Michigan, told newspaper editors of the state that a bill would be presented demanding the repeal of the mill tax limitation. Under the present law, the university is given for maintenance and operation six-tenths of each tax mill not exceeding \$3,700,000. If the limitation is removed, the university will next year derive \$4,320,000 from this source.

An injury suffered by falling in a bath tub at one's place of employment does not come under the provisions of the compensation act according to a decision handed down at Kalamazoo by the Industrial accident commissioner, D. V. French. The ruling was made in the case of Jane Oldfield, an employee of the Pretty Lake vacation camp. Miss Oldfield was seriously injured last summer when she slipped and fell against the side of the bath tub at the Pretty Lake Camp.

An ultimatum has been issued to residents of the Vandyk section south of Centerline and north of the Detroit City limits by the volunteer fire department of Centerline that it will not answer any more calls in that section unless accorded better treatment. The firemen say they have been subjected to ridicule, the residents laughing at them, whenever they answered an alarm in that section. The firemen have been making the runs free of charge.

Scores of friends and relatives gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Emens, a mile east of Prattville, recently to help them celebrate their sixtieth wedding anniversary. Included in the gathering were eight sons and daughters of the couple, their grandchildren and great grandchildren. Of Mr. and Mrs. Emens 52 direct descendants not one has died. Both Mr. and Mrs. Emens are 91 years old.

\$165,000 tax, representing the State's share of the cost of a road through the Muskegon State Park, was ordered paid by the State Administrative Board. The board only recently learned of the charge. The total cost of the improvement was over \$200,000 and it was considered the State's assessment was exorbitant. The matter was referred to Atty. Gen. W. W. Potter, and he ruled the tax was legal and should be paid.

A young man walked into the emergency room of the Receiving Hospital in Detroit and stood waiting for some minutes until a nurse stepped forward and asked him what he wanted. Instead of replying, the man presented a note which read: "I'm not sick. I came here for treatment for my jaw. I yawned a while ago and dislocated it." The injured jaw was treated.

The Michigan State prison north of Jackson, will have the first occupants some time before the end of this month, when 700 inmates of the old prison are to be moved to the new north cell block, which is practically complete, according to a statement by Warden Harry H. Jackson.

When he and his partner demonstrated too vigorously a Polish dance Mike Krawczyk, 28-year old miser of Ironwood, suffered a compound fracture of the right leg. "Mike" "hore down" too hard with his right leg, he said, with the result that the leg "caved in."

Miss Lena Johnson, 81 years old, who leaped from a second story window at her home in Big Rapids, while asleep and dreaming one night recently, died as the result of her leap. One of her ankles was fractured in the fall, and death was declared to be the result of shock and exposure.

Members of the state police are not eligible to receive rewards offered for apprehension of criminals, according to an opinion rendered by Attorney General W. W. Potter.

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Enforcement of blue laws that would prevent the playing of golf, the operation of drug stores and street cars, or even the selling of gasoline to motorists on Sunday may be demanded by the Liberal element in the village of Birmingham. If the effort being made to prevent the construction of a motion picture house there should be successful. The outcome of the Sunday closing battle in Birmingham is being watched with interest by theater operators and religious workers all over the country, not to mention the golf fans of Birmingham.

An amendment to the Mother's Pension Act, making it necessary for pension applicants to have resided at least one year in the county where application is made and two years in the state to become eligible for a pension was introduced in the House. Two more bills were introduced, one providing that only residents of the state can kill fox, mink, raccoon, skunk, muskrat, otter, fisher, marten or beaver. The other, a bill permitting railroads to make up trains with freight cars back of passenger coaches, if the latter are of steel construction.

Mrs. Vera C. Cochrane, 42 years old, and her uncle, Hugh D. Bartlett, 48, both of Rives Junction, near Jackson, pleaded guilty to charges of arson in the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland. They admitted they took an automobile belonging to Mrs. Cochrane into Highland Township, where they ditched it and set it on fire to recover insurance of \$700. Mrs. Cochrane was preparing to move to New York and wanted to rid herself of the car, on which payments were still due.

Declaring he wanted to "make his wife cry because she would not live with him," Daniel "Dick" Fox furnished information to Sheriff Percy Moore, which has led to the arrest of three men, including Fox's son, in connection with the \$10,000 mail robbery at Mt. Clemens September 5, 1924. The money in transit from Mt. Clemens Savings bank to the First National bank in Detroit, was taken from a pouch at the railway station. The men under arrest have confessed.

A belated applicant for automobile license at the Mt. Clemens bureau recently was Helmut Boettler, of Roseville, and there was an incredulous look on the face of the clerk when he gave the model of his flivver as 1911. The engine number is 131374, and he claimed it has been licensed for 16 consecutive years. "If the old boat will hang together another year, we'll trade her in for a new one," was his laconic remark as he tucked the plates under his arm.

Farming again is the leading occupation of members of the Michigan Legislature. Thirty-two are farmers and 23 lawyers. Insurance men and druggists share third place with eight each. Real estate and bankers, five each; automobile dealers, ministers, manufacturers and physicians, three each; locomotive engineers and miners, two each, and one each of various other occupations.

A measure designed to curb the use of pistols in Michigan and thus reduce crime, was introduced in the House. It provides for licensing owners and dispensers of revolvers, prohibits the possession of guns firing more than 12 shots, bans silencers, stiffens the penalties for carrying concealed weapons and authorizes penalties ranging from a \$1,000 fine to 10 years imprisonment for use of firearms in the commission of crime.

Gas escaping from a stove burner resulted fatally to William Burner, 33 years old, of Grand Rapids. A patrolman reported Northouse apparently had placed the coffee pot over the flame and then fell asleep, the coffee boiling over extinguished the fire and permitted the gas to fill the room. Northouse, probably dozing in a chair, was overcome and fell to the floor.

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LOCAL NEWS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1927

Jess Schoonover left for Detroit on business Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dell Wain were in Grayling Tuesday and Wednesday.

New silk and jersey dresses just received. Grayling Mercantile Co.

Henry Ahman returned to Ann Arbor Friday after a short visit at his home here.

Reserve your order for plants and flowers at the Greenhouse until Friday, Feb. 18.

Don't forget the Citizens' Caucus to be held at the Courthouse tomorrow evening, February 18.

N. W. Colbath, photographer and business man of this city, is seriously ill at his home on Norway street.

Robert T. Roblin of Jackson, son of R. M. Roblin of Owosso, was in the city Monday on railroad business.

There will be a Board of Trade dancing party at the club rooms Friday evening. Members are cordially invited.

Lost, a Fire Insurance policy, belonging to William J. Heric. Kindly return to Mr. Heric or to the Avon Lanchette office.

Fay Johnson left Saturday for Grand Rapids where he joined his father, who is employed in the Berkeley & Gay furniture factory.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Adams and daughters, Arlene and Maxine, returned Monday from Lansing where they had been visiting a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Schoonover moved the first of the week into their new home, the former Dr. Pool property, which they recently purchased.

Mrs. William Bromwell of Leelanau, Michigan arrived Saturday to visit her daughter, Mrs. Adolph Peterson and family for a few weeks.

Anthony Trudeau returned Monday morning from Detroit where he had been visiting his daughter, Mrs. Arthur Capshaw and family for a week.

What will the verdict be? Better make up your mind to be at the Michelson Memorial church the evening of February 24 to find out. We don't know.

Don't miss the basketball game tomorrow night (Friday) at high school gymnasium. Grayling high school boys will play the West Branch high school team.

Clifford Schank and Miss Mary Burpee of this city were united in marriage February 5th by Rev. David in on of the south side Free Methodist church.

The Old Oaken Bucket The Old Ox Team and The Flint Lock Musket

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Wood—Oak chunks and dry jack pine. C. R. King.

Mrs. Alvin LaChapelle was in Flint over Sunday visiting friends.

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Citizens' Caucus Friday night at 8 o'clock at the Courthouse. Everybody come.

As Mr. Peterson has been so generous, can we do less than just buy a plant or some flowers on Friday, Feb. 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kinney of Gaylord are visiting at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chappell.

Be at the high school gymnasium Saturday night and enjoy one of the best basketball games of the season. Rogers City will be here for a game with the Independents.

The Hard Billed Judge Tuffonum will occupy the bench in the most sensational trial ever presented to the public in Grayling. What will be the outcome? February 24th, 8 p. m. at the Michelson Memorial church. There will be room for you if you come early.

Mrs. C. J. McCann entertained her bridge club with a very attractive St. Valentine's luncheon on Saturday afternoon. Guests of the club were Mrs. Roy Milnes and Miss Mildred Bates. High and low scores were held by Mrs. Oscar Schumann, Mrs. Roy Milnes and Mrs. C. R. Keyport.

Miss Bessie Brown opened her home on St. Valentine's evening to her bridge club. There were twelve present and a very pleasant evening was spent playing whist. Mrs. Ben Landberg, a guest of the club, was presented with first prize, and Mrs. Herbert Gothro, with second prize.

At the regular social meeting of the Ladies National League at the American Legion hall last evening, a miscellaneous shower was held for Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Bayne of Roscommon whose home was recently destroyed by fire. There were 70 present and cards and a lunch was enjoyed.

Hans Niederer of this city has leased the ice business of George McKenzie at Gaylord and will move his family to that place about the first of April. Like his brother Emil, Hans knows how to handle ice, having been associated with their father, J. J. Niederer. His friends wish him much success in his new location.

Girl Scouts, please take notice. The time for the regular meeting has been changed to Thursday evenings, Feb. 17 to 19, instead of time previously.

ly announced. All girls between the ages of ten and eighteen are invited to enroll. For information, call the captain, Anna Mae Lewis or the lieutenants, Doris Winchell or Shirley McNeven.

Mrs. Andrew Brown entertained her Sunday school class, the Live Wire girls, at a Valentine party in the Michelson Memorial church parlors Thursday evening of last week. Hearts and caps were used for decorations and games were enjoyed, with last but not least nice refreshments. Each Miss invited a boy friend to be her guest at the party.

Grayling Independents met defeat at the hands of the K. of P. team of East Jordan on the latter's court Thursday night of last week, the score being 53 to 31. "Pete" Johnson being pulled out of the game for personal fouls in the second quarter, just when he was doing his best. The game made most of the points in the first quarter when the locals were leading 10 to 5, weakened the team to a certain extent. This was something new for Pete.

The skating rink on the school grounds is proving nearly as popular as the toboggan slide. Several of the grown-ups who used to cut circles on the ice have hunted up their old high-top shoes and skates and are testing their capabilities along that line. This is not a criticism, but a suggestion that next year the rink be made one block long or maybe a little less, on side of Chestnut street, and not so wide as it is now. Then the skaters can go up one side and back on the other, all going the same direction, like on a race track, and they will not feel that they are skating in a circle all the time.

To the Feldhauser school east of Grayling, taught by Miss Hilda Huthorn, goes the honor of having made during the recent sale of tuberculosis Christmas seals, the seals with the device of the double-barred cross, the highest per capita record of any school in Crawford county, according to an announcement just received from the Lansing office of the Michigan Tuberculosis Association. The five pupils enrolled in Miss Huthorn's school sold an average of 34 seals each. The pupils in the school who did the selling are Marguerite Feldhauser, Harriet Walcke, Herbert Feldhauser, Roger Kneft and Norma Feldhauser.

County Agent R. D. Bailey, who has been under the weather the past few weeks, is on the mend again, which will be glad news to his friends.

Grayling fish hatchery was visited on Tuesday of this week by Mr. G. C. Leach of the Bureau of Fisheries, Washington, D. C. He spent the afternoon at the hatchery and seemed greatly impressed with the general conditions of the hatchery, and especially with the work that is being done by Mr. Zalsman. The two gentlemen went quite extensively into the principles of trout culture and quite agreed with one another. Mr. Zalsman was very much pleased to find a trout culturist of such eminence as Mr. Leach, fully in accord with his own theories. Mr. Leach recommended extensive improvements in the hatchery plant in the way of increased capacity. He is visiting and studying every fish hatchery in Michigan.

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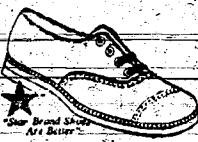


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Snappy new styles that will be worn this Spring. Pumps, Ties, and Straps in Patents and new light shades in every style of heel.

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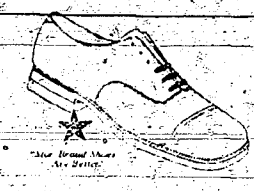
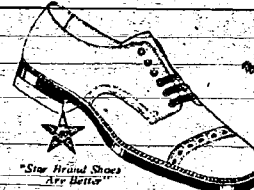
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The Quality Store, Grayling, Mich.

Phone 1251

Will Green came up from Detroit Friday to visit his family for the day.

Hot Ovation! Picks you up. The best cold weather drink! Try it at our fountain! Central Drug Store.

Elmer Jorgenson returned to Detroit Sunday night after being at his home here for the past couple of months.

Edward Glorke returned the first of the week from Akron, Ohio, where he had been taking a course in valancing.

Dr. C. R. Keyport was in Bay City a couple of days this week, owing to his father, William Keyport, being seriously ill.

Carlyle Brown left for Port Huron Monday night, owing to the serious illness of an uncle of his father, Andrew Brown.

Mrs. Rupert Porter of Gaylord was in Grayling a couple of days this week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Bailey.

Mrs. Paul LaBrash returned the last of the week from Flint, accompanying her daughter, Mrs. Agnes H. Bennett home, who has been quite ill.

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Don't say Bread, say Blue Bird. Help out the good cause on Friday, Feb. 18. It won't cost you anything extra and you will be helping the hospital as well as giving yourself a treat.

Gordon McDonald of Bay City was in Grayling on railroad business Tuesday. Also J. E. Crowley of Cheboygan was in the city on similar business the last of the week.

The first degree will be conferred on three candidates at the next regular meeting of Grayling Lodge 1, O. E. F. No. 137 next Tuesday evening, Feb. 22. Members please be present.

Mac McGillivray is back on the road for the Bay City Grocery company after a several weeks leave of absence, during which time he was in Florida looking after some business interests.

Howard and Marie Schmidt, twin son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Holger C. Schmidt, were host and hostess to a company of friends Friday evening in honor of their birthday anniversary.

Grayling Chapter O. E. S. No. 88 will hold a school of instruction on Friday evening, Feb. 24th. Mrs. Mary R. Winslow, Associate Grand Master of the Grand Chapter of Michigan will be present.

About twenty-five young folks were invited by Florence Craven and Mrs. Helen Jorgenson to steal a march on the latter's brothers, Norval and Lacey Stephan, who both have birthdays in February. Wednesday evening of last week. The big sleigh was loaded, and then they called for the two boys who had been purposely "invited out" for supper to take them to their home. Edgewood-on-the-AuSable. There, games and music was enjoyed, but not so much as the fine lunch that had been prepared by the mother, Mrs. John Stephan and Florence Craven. The modern young folks are so accustomed to the automobile that they miscalculated the time required to come to town with a team of horses, and it was not late but early the next morning when they returned to town.

The question of waterworks is again being considered by the village council. Salling Hanson Company has made another proposition for the purchase of the present system in which they ask \$10,000 for their plant, including all pipe-lines on the north and south sides of the river, together with the pumping plant. Two years ago the plant was offered for the sum of \$7,000, but the proposition did not include the pipe lines on the south side of the river, nor the pumping plant. Also since that time a new main has been laid by the company from the pumping station to the corner of Michigan avenue and Cedar street. The company's proposal is being considered by the waterworks committee and, we are given to understand, a counter proposal will be made to the company within a short time.

A very delightful bridge party was enjoyed by a number of ladies and gentlemen at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Bates Thursday evening. High scores were held by Mrs. R. H. Gillett and Dr. Keyport. There were eighteen present.

Grayling high school basketball team will play the West Branch high school on the local court Friday evening. The locals lost to West Branch early in the season, but hope to get even with them. The high school will appreciate your support.

VILLAGE ELECTION

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the village of Grayling, state of Michigan, that the next ensuing annual election will be held at the Town Hall within said village, on Monday, March 14, A. D. 1927.

At which election the following officers are to be elected, viz: Village president, 1 village clerk, 1 village treasurer, 3 village trustees for 2 years, and 1 assessor.

Polls will be open from 7:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. on above date.

Filed this 1st day of February, A. D. 1927.

CHRIS JENSEN, Clerk for said Village, here for a seal.

RATTO COMING MARCH FIRST

POPULAR REDPATH ENTERTAINER TO CLOSE LUTETUM COURSE

The closing number of this season's Lutetum course will be held March 1st at the Michelson Memorial church. John B. Ratto, by special arrangement with the Redpath Bureau, has been secured to present the closing program. Mr. Ratto is known throughout the United States as an entertainer of unusual ability. He is listed as one of the most expensive single entertainers ever brought to Grayling, and there is no doubt but that he will be greeted by a packed house.

As an impersonator, Mr. Ratto possibly has no equal in this country, and he holds his audience as few entertainers are able to. You can't afford to miss enjoying this entertainment, so set aside Tuesday evening, March 1st, as Lutetum day and arrange to be present early if you can.

Friday and Saturday

we will have a
real Bargain Counter

where it will be possible for you to save 20 to 25 per cent. On all other goods we will on these two days allow a discount of 10 per cent on all cash orders.

We again this week have a supply of
Fresh Cod Fish, Flounders,
Eels and Mackerel.

Everything in fresh Green Stuff. Call or phone No. 25.

H. Petersen, Grocer

Legislative Letter

By Len W. Feigener

Michigan Press Association, Lansing Bureau, Saturday, February 12, 1927.

The legislature, returning to work February 2 from a two weeks vacation while committees visited various state institutions, is getting down to the real work of the session, and seems to be thoroughly imbued with the idea of getting the work done and with a vision ahead of an early adjournment. This, however, is chronic, and the wisecracks of the assembly say it will be along in the merry month of June before final wind up of the session.

One of the big issues of this session, as it was of the one of 1925, will be the capital punishment bogie. Present indications are that some form of capital punishment will carry, but indications were similar in 1925, when the measure failed by a narrow margin. Some of the legislators want to try out Governor Green's suggestion of hustling up the work of the criminal courts in order to secure speedy trials and prompt punishment, with the idea that this method of procedure will have a deterrent effect on hold-up men and thugs in general, while many others prefer to immediately make it possible to send cold-blooded murderers and armed robbers to their final destination without unnecessary delay.

Appropriation bills are tardy about making their appearance, although many of them are in preparation. One thing sure, there will be no lack of them in due time.

President Little of U. of M. was a capital visitor this week, making a strong plea for the university program, which involves a little matter of five millions. That will be a start. Governor Green's proposition to bar legislative lobbyists from the house and senate will likely go thru in some form, although many of the members frankly admit that they get valuable information from representatives of various organizations which they can get in no other way. The Governor wants them all registered, which seems reasonable.

The crime commission, which has been hard at work for some time in an effort to provide a means of ridding Michigan courts of a lot of obsolete laws and customs, made its report this week. Among the measures recommended are to have criminal cases take precedence over civil cases; make technicalities no ground for dismissal; fourth felony conviction making mandatory life sentence (following New York precedent of Baumes law); abolition of six-months minimum sentence; prosecution and defense allowed equal number of peremptory challenges; decisions may be rendered by less than unanimous jury; preventing an obstinate juror holding up a verdict. Prosecution may comment on refusal of defendant to take stand in his own behalf; continuances made more difficult; etc. Favorable action on the report is conceded.

Legislation regarding more equitable division of highway monies between state, counties and cities is a lively topic of discussion and a number of bills along this line have been introduced. Eventually some changes along this line are likely to be made, and many members are of the opinion that the gas tax will be raised to three cents, with some reduction of the present weight tax.

Senator Arthur E. Wood of Detroit announces that proposed changes in the election laws will soon be introduced, which will provide for party enrollment and prevent members of one party helping nominate weak candidates at the primaries for the other party, and changes in laws which will make the election of delegates to party conventions more rigid.

A proposition will come before the house next Tuesday, on special order, on the proposed submission of a constitutional amendment providing for a Michigan income tax law. Will that arouse some interest? You have one guess.

The dozen or so propositions on capital punishment will be brought to a vote on the floor of the senate on February 23, when a public hearing is to be had under the big dome. The hearing will start in the afternoon, but we haven't heard as yet any legislator predict when it will end. Probably the stars will be out.

By the way, speaking of the big dome reminds one of the fact that there are several public works working in the fighting system which makes the big dome a remarkably beautiful sight at night. Who wants the job of climbing up there and replacing the dead ones? Please don't crowd.

Senator Lennon asks for a special investigation of crime conditions in Detroit. Senator Lennon might have an amendment added including the city of Flint, which is in his district. You can make us believe that there are some things in Flint that would stand a wee bit of investigation.

One doesn't hear as much about good roads throughout the state as was burdened the air during the previous administration. It is to be hoped, however, that when the highway finances are straightened out and we know where we are sitting, we may have an intelligent program outlined and carried out, so that Michigan may remain in the lead in good highways. There is no more important matter for the general welfare.

The Chelsea plant is again in the limelight. It is indeed a pity that a plant which has been carrying on for so long, that the outfit is in a bad state of repair, that much of the equipment is obsolete and that it cannot be operated at a profit. Seems to be a difference of opinion from reports of the last administration.

When Governor Green's proposition to change the rules of the house and senate to bar lobbyists from the floor came up for discussion this week, Representative Charles H. Bass, publisher of the Clio Messenger, opposed

the proposition. He said he believed the big interests of Michigan were entitled to have representatives on the ground, that he had, in his two terms in the house, seen no lobbying on the floor during sessions, and that he, for one, would welcome any real information such representatives could furnish him in regard to proposed legislation. The matter was laid over for the day.

Michigan association of master barbers met here this week. Big parade led by bulls headed from the industrial shops for boys, each with a boy's job. Driving down Capitol avenue I nearly collided with the parade. Close shave. Conversation rampant all down the line. Boys don't get a chance to talk much in the shop now, since the fall sex frequent the parlors. So they talked on parade. Give them a little more. Though they were not all in step, they walked straight. A bit unusual for Lansing. But don't let Ray Holsapple know I said so.

"Pat" O'Brien, who came down last week for the annual meeting of the Michigan Press Association, hasn't gone home yet. Wonder who is getting out the Iron River Reporter? Says he went down to Ann Arbor for a "check-up," and they found him all right. We could have told him he was all of that.

The Michigan lumber dealers, who tried to occupy all the beds in Lansing last week, went home Friday. Just the same, they left a few splinters lying around loose. Found one in my tire yesterday.

Editorial Paragraphs

Because of its unsavory reputation, chemists want to change the name of wood alcohol to methanol. Which recalls the old couplet about the rose with any other name, etc.

Rudyard Kipling has started for Brazil, and we hope that this doesn't mean he is going to write a poem on South America.

There is a lot of talk about radio legislation nowadays, and we can't understand why some forward-looking legislators don't introduce a bill either in Congress or in state legislature to eliminate static.

Some of our statesmen and college professors seem to be in favor of the nationalist movement in Mexico and China but against any nationalism in the United States.

A prominent dental authority says that we are fast turning into a race of goats. Maybe that accounts for why there is so much butting in on everybody's business than there used to be.

Many a fellow who is busy watching the time of the girls on the street would be better off watching his own waist line.

Think how much pleasanter a time old Atlas would have had holding the world on his shoulders if he had only possessed a radio.

Who remembers the good old days when you felt like apologizing to the butcher when you bought calves liver?

A European philosopher declares that Americans are deficient in real intelligence, but anyhow we know enough to keep out of European entanglements.

Ford may have refused a billion dollars for his automobile factory, but we know a fellow who has a new pair of boy twins and wouldn't take a billion apiece for them.

Now that we have telephonic connection with London, wonder what would happen if we were to put in a call for King George.

Now that they have acquired this Speaker the people of Washington are much more interested in the coming pennant race than the coming war-with-Mexico.

It's quite impressive to see how many of our internationalist newspapers are in favor of the Chinese nationalists.

Just at present there is war in China, Portugal and Nicaragua, and preparation in Moscow, but the government at Geneva still lives.

A prominent biologist says that the human race will never develop the superman. What he is trying to do, belittle George Bernard Shaw?

A herd of long horned cattle, once so numerous in the West are to be preserved by the Department of Agriculture in Oklahoma. This will probably occasion another outburst of protest from our professional pacifists.

Admiral Latimer denies that our marines have taken part in the Nicaraguan battle. This is obvious, for if they had, the war would have been over before this.

It is said that cooperative stores in Moscow last year paid a profit of 189 per cent on their capital stock. No wonder they don't want any capitalist regulations over there.

Man of 60 Helped

By Simple Mixture

"After taking Adlerika I feel better than for years. At my age (60) it is ideal—so different from other medicines." (signed) W. W. Carter. Adlerika is a simple mixture of buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., which removes GAS in ten minutes and often brings surprising relief to the stomach. Stops that full, bloated feeling. Brings out old waste matter you never thought was in your system. Excellent for chronic constipation. Mac & Gidley, Drugists.

FREDERIC SCHOOL

Editor—Marguerite Richards. Asst. Editors—Francis Hunter and Lola Craven.

Elsie—"First, I'll take some sulphuric acid, and then I'll take some chloroform."

Flora—"Yes, that's a good idea."

Notice is hereby given that any senior who continues to slide down the banisters will be punished.

New discoveries made by seniors: Ruskin, English author, was married in 1824—Marguerite. 4 x 1 equals 5.—Elsie.

Frederic and surrounding towns haven't enough girls for Francis; he wants to import one from Battle Creek. Can it be anyone in particular?

The seniors are delighted with their new class rings. Of course Frederic never saw anything like them. Mr. Chrysler must think so too, as he was wearing two of them yesterday. Guess Ehra and Lola must have lost their rings already.

The seniors of the Frederic high school entertained Saturday night in honor of their parents and teachers. The school dining room was beautifully decorated in rose and gray; class colors, and various Valentine novelties. The feature of the affair was a delicious six o'clock dinner. The menu was as follows: roast pork, dressing, brown gravy, mashed potatoes, scalloped corn, baked beans, cranberry jello, pickled beets, buttered rolls, coffee, ice cream and cake.

After dinner a short program was given, which consisted of games and contests. Miss Elsie Burke won a hat of Elsie Brand milk. Mrs. Barber and Miss Ehra Walter won as first prize, a fine Valentine cake. Mrs. Ernest Richards and Mr. John Parson won the consolation prizes, which were comic Valentines. Miss Marguerite Richards, accompanied by Miss Lola Craven sang "Blame it on the Waltz." "I'd Love to meet that old Sweetheart of Mine."

Miss Evelyn Barber entertained with a musical reading, "Too Many Parties."

Ethel Wixson and Ethel Richards, in beautiful Valentine costumes, gave a delightful old-fashioned minuet. Dancing was then enjoyed by all.

These presenters were: Mr. and Mrs. John Parson, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Craven, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Odell, Mr. and Mrs. Durraine, Mr. and Mrs. Wixson, Mrs. Barber, Miss Esther Barber, Mrs. Burke, Mr. Chrysler, Mrs. Edmonds, Mrs. Wallace, Mrs. E. J. Richards, Ethel Richards, Ethel Wixson, Miss Evelyn Lovely of Grayling.

Grammar Department Teacher—"How many countries in Michigan?" Alice—"Six."

We had another visitor Monday. The grammar room enjoyed a Valentine party Monday afternoon.

Boys' babs are much in evidence in the grammar room.

Primary Department Snow again, but we boys and girls of the primary room don't mind it. We like to snowball.

Our visitors last week were: Mrs. Corsaut and Mrs. Barber, Tuesday; Mrs. Leeman, Mrs. McCracken, and Miss Armstrong, Wednesday.

Floyd Geren misread, "playing their pranks" and read it, "praying their pranks," which caused a general laugh among the first graders.

The beginners are doing fine in their new primers, and are also learning simple health rules for primer hygiene.

Mrs. Barber, at home—"Elnora, you can't go to school with those dirty hands."

Elnora—"But mother, what hands will I use?"

We wonder why Elnora went to sleep in school Wednesday, why Grace misses so much school?

Intermediate Room We enjoyed the visit from the primary room Friday afternoon. We opened our Valentine box together.

These were 70 letters—counting our baby brothers and sisters. Everyone was amply repaid for their coming, with Valentines. The teacher received 43 Valentines. Thanks, children, I appreciate your loving messages.

We enjoyed the sunny weather the past week.

Our fourth grade have completed another section in geography.

Our room had two absent ones last week.

The fifth grade complete their work on China today. They are also writing business letters in English.

We really mail our letters, too. Our visitors last week were Mrs. Barber and Mrs. Corsaut and little Gloria Corsaut. Hope we will have others in the future.

FREDERIC NEWS Rachel Wells Knibbs arrived last week from the southern part of the state to visit her parents.

Charles Armstrong is in Saginaw, where he has been for several weeks, and is gaining in health.

J. J. Higgins, who has been very sick, is on the gain.

The P. T. A. met last Friday and had a fair attendance present, with their efficient president in the chair. After the program was rendered a lunch was served and everybody went home in real snowstorm.

Our postmaster, H. Higgins, had a radio installed for the pleasure of his parents.

Those who did not attend church last Sunday missed a very good eulogy on the life of Abraham Lincoln. Mrs. Crandall presided at the piano and led the singing.

Arthur Pledge, who has been agent for several years, has been changed to Kewauville, Bay county.

Grandma Richards, who is making her home with her son Earnest and family, is in poor health at present writing.

Mrs. Batterson is moving into the house she bought of Andrew Brown.

Miss Ruby Crandall is employed at Rev. Baughn's in Grayling.

Everybody seems to be in favor of disarmament except the gymmen.

RECORD OF VILLAGE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Held on the 7th day of February, 1927.

In the absence of T. W. Hanson, president, meeting was called to order by T. P. Peterson, president pro-tem.

Trustees present: T. P. Peterson, A. L. Roberts, Emil Giegling, George Sorenson, Frank Sales and Geo. W. McCullough.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Report of Finance committee: To the president and members of the common council of the village of Grayling, Veto committee, Finance, Claims and Accounts respectively recommended that the accompanying bills be allowed as follows:

1—Grayling Electric Co., Jan. service. \$148.00
2—O. P. Schumann, printing. 9.80
3—M. A. Bates, tel. rental. 12.50
4—J. H. Shultz Co., election supplies. 2.48
5—George Burke, storage for truck, roadster and supplies. 15.20
6—Salling Hanson Co., 1 clothing. 30
7—Crawford Co. Chapter Red Cross, Nurse's salary. 50.00
8—Julius Nelson, payroll ending Jan. 5th. 10.50
9—Julius Nelson, payroll ending Jan. 14th. 47.05
10—Julius Nelson, payroll ending Jan. 19th. 22.50
11—Julius Nelson, payroll ending Jan. 31st. 41.88

EMIL GIEGLING, GEO. W. MCCULLOUGH, T. P. PETERSON, Moved by Sorenson and supported by Roberts that the report be accepted and bills allowed, and the clerk be instructed to draw orders for the amounts.

Yea and nay vote called. Yea: Peterson, Roberts, Giegling, Sorenson and McCullough. Nays: Sales. Motion carried.

The Chair appointed Geo. W. McCullough, Emil Giegling and Frank Sales, election inspectors, to serve election day, March 14th, which appointment was confirmed by council.

Letter from Salling Hanson Company regarding sale of their waterworks system was read and filed for future reference and consideration.

Moved by Giegling and supported by Sales that a street light be installed at the intersection of Peninsular and Ingham streets. Motion carried.

Applications of Jens Elerson and Rasmus Jorgenson for caretaker of Tourist park were received and filed for future consideration.

Moved by Giegling and supported by Sales that the village Michigan Central R. R. crossing flagmen with police powers and furnish them with badges, providing they are qualified for the office. Motion carried.

Thereupon the board adjourned. CHAS. JENSON, Clerk.

T. P. PETERSON, President pro-tem.

LOVELLS NEWS Mrs. Lola Papenfus is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Howard Hoffman in Detroit.

Mrs. Charles Feldhauser is spending a few days at Grayling.

Vernon Henry went to West Branch Saturday.

Mrs. Clarence Stillwagon is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Edgar Caid in West Branch.

Miss Elsie Barber spent the week end in Grayling.

Roger Caid is away visiting.

Lovells was very much surprised to hear of the marriage of Miss Ruth Stillwagon and Edgar Caid, both well known young people of Lovells.

Their many friends wish them much luck and happiness.

Mrs. Hurt, who has spent the winter in Boyne City, is home again.

Albert Peeble of Detroit was at his cabin, "The Fighting Deer" last week.

RAISING THE ROOF OF AN ENGINE GINE

(By Erwin Greer, president Greer College of Automotive and Electrical Trades, Chicago, Ill.)

Cylinder heads of the detachable variety—those having bearings covers, transmission covers, etc.—are shamefully abused by many who have occasion to remove and replace them.

As a result of this abuse, poor satisfaction is often experienced and serious damage is sustained by the engine; where with proper precaution the same member will give long and satisfactory service.

The cylinder head is retained to the cylinder block by a row of studs and nuts extending around the edges in ordinary construction. If in applying or removing the head these nuts are tightened or loosened unevenly enormous pressure will be concentrated at a few points, resulting in warping of the casting.

When a cylinder head is being casted will not straighten out again and cannot again be returned to its true shape by any subsequent even tightening of nuts. Many owners and repair men of motor cars understand the necessity of even tightening of these nuts but fail to apply the same principle in the reverse operation, incontinently loosening away at one nut at a time, and thus doing as much damage as in tightening one at a time.

The proper manner of removing a cylinder head is to loosen all of the nuts about a quarter turn, proceeding from one nut to the one as nearly diagonally opposite it as possible, repeating the process until all are loose enough to turn freely. Each may then be turned the rest of the way off individually. In replacing, the same process should be reversed, each nut being screwed down until resistance is felt and then tightening again a quarter turn in diagonal sequence until all are tight.

Unless the head is badly gummed in place with lead or carbon it should be possible to loosen it by tapping around the edge with a hammer. This produces vibration and the clearance of the holes in the head around the studs permits the head to move slightly sideways, sufficient to break the bond, so that it may be lifted off.

In using the head a thin screw driver with a wide blade as possible should be used to pry the head up, being inserted above the gasket and not below it.

Example From the Bee So work the honey bees, creature that by a rule in nature teach the act of order to a peopled kingdom.—Shakespeare.

AT THE SHOW



Willie—Daddy, how can the lady go into the cage with the tiger and not be eaten up?
Dad—Why—er—it's a man-eating tiger, I guess.

GOOD LOOKS



She—Sh—takes a good look at every handsome man she meets and they stare back. What makes them do it?
He—Her good looks.

DEVELOPED BY USE



"Yes, he's a wonderful musician—plays the piano by ear."

"Is that what has made his ears so big?"

AFRAID OF PAINT



She—But why are you so narrow minded that you've never kissed a girl?
He—Afraid of painter's colle.

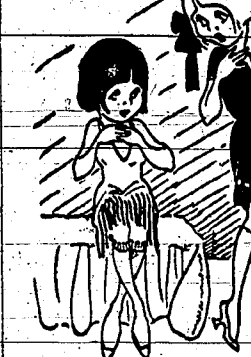
EASY TO FIND OUT



"He said life without me would be impossible."

"And he could easily find out from your former husband what it would be with you."

A FAST ONE



"You say the brute kissed you when you were off your guard?"

"Yes—I didn't have a chance to enjoy even the anticipation of it."

M'NARY-HAUGEN BILL PASSED BY SENATE

\$250,000,000 Revolving Fund Is Provided; Measure Authorizes Board of 13.

Washington. — Proposing radical changes in the country's agricultural policy, the McNary-Haugen bill for a federal farm board and for control of the surplus problem through imposition of an equalization fee, was passed by the senate by a vote of 47 to 29. Prior to the passage of the bill, the Curtis-Crisp bill, which had administration support was offered by Senator Curtis and defeated, 54 to 32. The roll call on the final passage of the bill follows:

For the Bill
Republicans: Cameron, Capper, Curtis, Deneen, Frasier, Gooding, Gould, Harold, Howell, Johnson, Jones of Washington, Led, Follette, McClellan, McNary, Means, Norris, Nye, Odell, Pine, Robinson of Indiana, Schall, Stanfield, Stewart and Wilson.
Democrats: Ashurst, Bratton, Caraway, Copeland, Dill, Ferris, Fletcher, Newell, Pittman, Ransdell, Robinson of Arkansas, Sheppard, Simmons, Smith, Frank, Tamm, Trammell, Brown and Wheeler.

Farmer-Labor: Shipstead—1.
Total—Against the Bill.

Republicans: Bingham, Borah, Coughens, Dale, Ertel, Fess, Gallett, Gurnea, Hale, Keyser, Lathrop, McLean, Metcalf, Pepper, Phibbs, Reed of Pennsylvania, Sackett, Sutherland, Warren, Wheeler and Willis.

Democrats: Bayard, Biessie, Bruce, Cavanah, Clegg, Coker, Glass, Harrison, Hefflin, King, Overman, Reed of Missouri, Stephens, Underwood, Walsh of Massachusetts, and Walsh of Montana—17.

A number of amendments to the bill were adopted, but they were practically all proposed by friends of the measure. Attempts to defer the operation of the equalization fee on cotton for two years, or even for one year, were voted down.

Now that the bill has passed the senate, the proponents of the measure are jubilantly predicting it will be approved by the house within a few days and will be put up to President Coolidge for signature or rejection.

The bill, as it came from the committee, provided for dealing with the surpluses of wheat, cotton, corn, rice and hogs, called "basic" agricultural commodities. To this list tobacco was added in the senate as the result of an amendment offered by Senator McKellar of Tennessee.

The bill provides for a federal farm board of twelve plus the secretary of agriculture. One member of the board is to be selected from each federal land bank district. A revolving fund of \$250,000,000 is provided.

The federal farm board provisions in the bill contemplate "farmer control" of the membership. The President is to make the selections out of nominees recommended by agricultural influences. Efforts to knock out this "farmer control" failed in the senate.

A veto of the bill by the President is generally expected, inasmuch as the measure, as passed, is essentially the same as that of last session, which he condemned as a price-fixing scheme and economically unsound. Some cabinet leaders have been predicting that he will change front and sign the bill because of the insistent demand of the agricultural region for farm relief and because of the certainty that his renomination will be strenuously opposed in the West if he should veto the bill.

The bill could not be re-passed over executive disapproval, the vote in the senate having been far short of the necessary two-thirds to override a veto. The prospect, therefore, for enactment of the bill into law is not promising.

Find Skulls of Four Women in Old Trunk

Ferndale, Mich. — Four women's skulls, two of them still trailing thick braids of hair and one stained with blood, were found in a trunk in the attic of the home occupied by Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson here.

News of the gruesome discovery made by the Wilson children was followed by a police search for James N. Coyner, negro war veteran who had lived in the house up to a two years ago.

Records show that a giant negro named James Coyner, was convicted of grave robbing at Hammond, Ind., last November 30 and sentenced to ten years at Michigan City penitentiary.

He was found guilty of stealing the body of a white woman from Oak Hill cemetery in that city.

Coyner, when caught rifling the young Hammond woman's grave, confessed to the police that he had planned to take the body to Berenice, Ill. He could offer no other explanation.

The skulls were wrapped in Pittsburg and Detroit newspapers of 1920 and 1921. In addition a number of clippings were found referring to prominent women and an address book containing names of many Detroit society families. After several the word "White" was written in pencil.

Impeach 2 Texas Legislators

Austin, Texas. — By an overwhelming vote the Texas house of representatives voted to expel two of its members, Representatives F. A. Dale and H. H. Moore, after charges of accepting a bribe had been brought against them.

Kills Evolution Bill

Concord, N. H. — A bill aimed at abolishing the study of evolution in the public schools of New Hampshire was killed in committee.

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